

## Parent/Staff Newsletter Week of 3/30/25

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I hope everyone had a great weekend.

Thanks to all the volunteers for Career Day. The volunteers shared their expertise and gave insights into a vast array of careers for our students. Thanks to Dr. Williams for her hard work in putting it all together. Thanks also to the Hilton Head HS SIC. One of the goals of the SIC is engaging our community in the education of our students.

We are in the last quarter of our school year. We ask our parents and guardians to help keep our students focused on their academics. We seek their help in encouraging our students to come to school every day, come on time, and keep up with their schoolwork. We ask that parents check on their child's grades and attendance in the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

*IMPORTANT: Please ensure your family's contact information is up to date. If you have moved, have a new phone number, or need to update a student's emergency contact(s), please contact our school's data specialist Ms. Youmans at [teresa.youmans@beaufort.k12.sc.us](mailto:teresa.youmans@beaufort.k12.sc.us) Thank you!*

Please see below for important news and announcements.

## April Staff Meetings

April 1<sup>st</sup> – Leadership Meeting 7:15 am

Week of April 6<sup>th</sup> – PLC Week

April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Leadership

Week of April 27<sup>th</sup> – IB/Like Subject Collaboration Week

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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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**Week of April 13<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break**

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## HHIHS Little Free Library Book Drive:

From March 25th to April 4th, students will be able to donate any new or gently used books to the book drive set up in the brown brick area of the high school. This book drive is being held to fill the Little Free Libraries around the island so locals and tourists alike can have the opportunity to enjoy a free book.

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## Online Tutoring Program at HHIHS

We are excited to inform you that there is a new online tutoring program available at HHIHS. This program was created by HHIHS student Bess Tuczynski. The program is designed help all students HHIHS get the tutoring they need, in the time that they are available.

And it is completely free for all participants.

Based on feedback, one of the biggest challenges for students is to find the time to attend early morning or after school tutoring due to athletics and/or transportation. The goal of this virtually based program is to allow those same students to get the effective tutoring they need to be successful throughout their high school careers at a convenient time.

With this program, students in the National Honors Societies at the high school will provide the tutoring, while earning volunteer hours for their time. The tutoring sessions are completely confidential so only the tutor, student and teacher will be aware of who takes part in the program. Those who are interested in receiving tutoring for any subject can visit [www.hiltonheadtutors.com](http://www.hiltonheadtutors.com) to sign up today. To sign up, simply click the "Sign Up" button, choose your desired subject, time, and then select your tutor based on availability.

## Senior Information

### Parents/Guardians of seniors:

***Please check your email for an updated informational letter about end of year activities and obligations.***

***Here are a few of the highlights:***



- ***NOW*** - If you need to order graduation supplies such as a cap and gown, ***please call the company and order ASAP: Herff-Jones Company, 912-764-9314***
- ***April 3 - Herff-Jones Graduation Regalia Distribution Day; Caps/Gowns and announcements/plaques (if ordered) will be distributed in the media center during all three lunches, 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM; seniors can pick up, or parents can pick up for seniors; if no one can pick up on April 3, email Ms. White and Ms. Hartman about when you are coming to pick up so that they can get the orders from storage. Please DON'T just show up and ask for your items. Mary.White@beaufort.k12.sc.us and Michelle.Hartman@beaufort.k12.sc.us***
- ***April 4 - Senior Grad Bash Trip, Universal Studios (lead faculty chaperone is Mr. Ewing, Curtis.Ewing@beaufort.k12.sc.us)***
- ***April 11 - Senior Cap and Gown Parade through HHIHS, HHIE, HHISCA, HHIMS, 8:30 – 10:00 AM; all seniors including fall finishers may participate; report to Block 1 to drop off personal items, then go to the cafeteria with Cap, Gown, and Seahawk Stole but NOT your tassel. We recommend you also bring a full water bottle.***
- ***April 29 - IB Exams Begin; all seniors in IB classes return to HHIHS to take their IB (or AP) tests. IB exams are multi-day exams, and there are no make-ups. Fall Finishers must get testing dates and times from their IB/AP teachers. Spring dual enrollment students - work out these IB/AP exam dates with your college professors.***
- ***May 19 - Yearbook Slideshow, Senior Breakfast, parent/guardian volunteers needed 8:15 AM – 11:00 AM; we will be sending a volunteer sign up sheet through Bright Arrow soon!***
- ***May 20 – 23, Final Exams***
  - *May 20*                 *Block 1*
  - *May 21*                 *Block 2*
  - *May 22*                 *Block 3*
  - *May 23*                 *Block 4*
  - *May 27*                 *Make-up Exam Day for Seniors*

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## Beaufort Memorial Rising Star Youth Program

What if you could spend your summer learning what it's like to be a nurse, a respiratory therapist, a surgeon or how to run a hospital? With Beaufort Memorial's two-week Rising Star Youth Volunteers program, you can gain insight into a wide range of careers and open the door to a profession that speaks to your passion, values and vision.

Applications for the summer program are due by April 4, 2025. Link:

<https://www.bmhsc.org/ways-to-give/volunteers/rising-star-youth-volunteers>

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## HHHS International Night April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Culture Club is sponsoring International Night on April 2nd from 5 to 7 PM in the school cafeteria. This event will showcase a variety of countries from around the world and feature performances by our talented Seahawk students, as well as delicious food, music, and much more. This event is to celebrate our diverse community. I encourage everyone to mark their calendars and join us for this exciting evening.

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## Attendance Policy for the 2024-25 School Year

The attendance policy can be found at: <https://hhihs.beaufortschools.net/families/attendance-policy>

Please continue to monitor your child's grades and attendance in the PowerSchool Parent Portal. The last day to make up seat time for the first semester was yesterday at Saturday School. All those students who have not made up the time in the classes in which they have received an FA (failure due to absences and tardies) will have the FA remain as a grade. An FA is the equivalent of receiving a grade of 50. The 50 will be factored into a student's GPA (grade point average) as well as impacting class rank.

**Beginning March 15<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 during the second semester.** The Saturday School schedule for the second semester is below:

March 29th

April 5<sup>th</sup>

April 26<sup>th</sup>

May 3<sup>rd</sup>

May 10<sup>th</sup>

May 17<sup>th</sup>

Also days may be made up during summer school

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## New State-Wide Personal Communication Device Policy

This fall Beaufort County School District instituted a Personal Electronic and Communication Device Policy. For students in PreK through 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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## 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>

### **Spring 2025 Future Board Meeting Dates:**

April 1<sup>st</sup> – HHIMS

April 30<sup>th</sup> – Budget Public Forum Location TBD

May 1<sup>st</sup> – Budget Public Forum Location TBD

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## 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)

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## A Message from Beaufort County School District Athletic Director

To ensure a safe and secure environment at BCSD athletic events, all spectators and athletes entering our venues will be asked to remove hoods or face coverings that obscure one's identity, such as balaclava-style masks. This practice, which is common at collegiate athletic events, will help us maintain safety by ensuring individuals can be easily identified if needed.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in creating a safe and welcoming atmosphere for everyone. If you have any questions, please reach out to District Athletic Director Dr. Carlos Cave.

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## Athletics this Week

### **Monday 3/31/25**

6:30pm Varsity Baseball vs Colleton  
Middle School Soccer in the Stadium  
4pm Golf @ Daniel Island

### **Tuesday 4/1/25**

5/7pm JV and Varsity Baseball vs Colleton  
7pm Varsity boys Lacrosse vs Aiken (Lacrosse Field)  
5:30pm Girls Varsity Soccer vs Bridges Prep  
7pm Boys Soccer vs HHCA (Senior Night)  
4pm Tennis @ Bluffton  
5:30pm Girls Lacrosse @ Effingham

### Wednesday 4/2/25

5pm Varsity Softball vs Bishop England

Middle School Soccer in the Stadium

6:30pm Varsity Baseball @ Colleton

### Thursday 4/3/25

4pm Tennis vs May River

5:30/7pm Girls JV and Varsity Lacrosse vs South Effingham

6:30pm Varsity Baseball vs Sevier County (TN)

4pm Golf @ Dataw

6pm JV Baseball @ Colleton

### Friday 4/4/25

5:30/7pm JV and Varsity Girls Soccer vs Bluffton

6pm Varsity Boys Lacrosse vs HHCA

5:30/7pm JV and Varsity Boys Soccer @ Bluffton

6pm Varsity Softball @ Bluffton

### Saturday 4/5/35

All Day Track @ Beaufort

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

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## Attendance Notes

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

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## 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.

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.

(No Meeting in April – During Spring Break)

May 15<sup>th</sup>

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## Save the Date:

- 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 am

## 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 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!!!

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