

## Parent/Staff Newsletter Week of 4/6/25

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I hope everyone had a great weekend.

Thanks to the HHIHS Culture Club for a fantastic International Night Last Wednesday. It was a great night. Thanks to all the staff, students, parents, volunteers and community members who came out to celebrate the diversity of the Seahawk family.

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.

We have many students who need to make up seat time. The next session of Saturday School is April 26<sup>th</sup>.

*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.

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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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## April Staff Meetings

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

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# FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Tuesday May 20<sup>th</sup> – **Block 1**  
Wednesday May 21<sup>st</sup> – **Block 2**

Thursday May 22<sup>nd</sup> – **Block 3**  
Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup> – **Block 4**

**Final Exam Makeup dates** May 27<sup>th</sup> to May 29<sup>th</sup>  
Detailed times will be sent out in the next newsletter on Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup>

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## CONGRATULATIONS

### HHIHS junior Azbriela Rueda

Congratulations to HHIHS junior, Azbriela Rueda for her BCSD "District Dash" t-shirt design. Azbriela created the design in our after-school art club, Studio Blue. Studio Blue was created by visual art teacher Mrs. Smith in a response to the student's desire for a creative digital studio space outside of school hours. The club provides many art contest opportunities as well as working with "clients" around our school. Studio Blue can create anything from making commercials for the news show to printing t-shirts for the Seahawk Theater Company. They are open to anything creative! The club also affords the students a studio space to work on their own artistic projects.



For more information regarding the first ever BCSD 5k, see the video link below.

<https://youtu.be/bmLw2jDRYmM>

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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 at 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 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.

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# 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 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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## 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:

April 26<sup>th</sup>

May 3<sup>rd</sup>

May 10<sup>th</sup>

May 17<sup>th</sup>

\*Days may also 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 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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## 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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## 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.



## Athletics this Week

### Monday 4/7/25

4:30pm Tennis vs Bishop England - POSTPONED

6:30pm Varsity Baseball vs Bluffton

6pm Varsity Softball @ Hardeeville POSTPONED

7pm Varsity Boys Lacrosse @ AC Flora

### Tuesday 4/8/25

6pm/7:30pm JV and Varsity Boys Soccer vs Colleton

4pm Golf @ Oyster Reef

6pm JV Baseball @ Bluffton

6/7:30pm JV and Varsity Girls Soccer @ Colleton

6:30pm Varsity Baseball vs Bluffton

### Wednesday 4/9/25

4:30pm Tennis vs HH Prep

5pm Track @ Home Senior Night

5/7pm JV and Varsity Softball @ May River

6:30pm Varsity Baseball @ Bluffton

6pm Middle School Soccer @ Swamp

### Thursday 4/10/25

5:30/7pm JV and Varsity Girls Lacrosse vs Richmond Hill

6pm JV Baseball vs Bluffton

7pm Varsity Boys Lacrosse vs Beaufort

### Friday 4/11/25

5/7pm JV and Varsity Softball vs Colleton

5:30/7pm JV and Varsity Boys Soccer vs Bishop England

6:30pm Varsity Baseball vs Bluffton

5:30/7pm JV and Varsity Girls Soccer @ Bishop England

Track @ Spring Valley

## Saturday 4/12/25

10am Girls Varsity Soccer vs Parkview

12pm Boys Varsity Soccer vs Parkview

13:30/3pm JV and Varsity Girls Lacrosse @ Philip Simmons

Track @ Spring Valley

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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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## **Early Release Requests**

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

**[hhihsearlyrelease@beaufort.k12.sc.us](mailto: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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## Save the Date:

- **Graduation for the Class of 2025 Saturday, May 31st, 2025 at 7:00pm**
- Graduation for the Class of 2026 Friday, May 29, 2026 at 7:00 pm (This is a change)

## **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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