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I hope everyone had a great weekend.

This school year is moving fast. The first quarter ends October 8th. Please continue to check your child's grades and attendance in the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Parent/Teacher conferences will be Tuesday October 7th.

Information on tutoring is below.

Homecoming themes and Dance information below.

See below for more information and news.

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



HHIHS is an IB World School and is the only IB Middle Years Program (MYP) high school in Beaufort County School District. All of our 9th and 10th graders are in years 4 and 5 of the IB MYP. This program is an internationally recognized program that aims to develop curious, independent, critical thinkers who are internationally minded and recognize their shared responsibility in developing a better world. Our MYP classes at HHIHS teach the SC College and Career Ready Standards through the concepts and philosophies of the

MYP. If you have questions about the IB MYP Program at HHIHS, please contact the IB MYP Coordinator, Michelle Hartman, at michelle.hartman@beaufort.k12.sc.us.

August and September Staff Meetings

Week of September 21st – IB Collaboration Week

September 30th – Full Faculty Meeting at 7:15am in Media Center

October 7th – Parent/Teacher Conferences 4pm to 7pm

October 8th – Half Day/CRASE training at 1:00pm

Week of October 12th – PLC Week

October 15th - Traffick Proof Training Before/Planning/After School

Week of October 19th – IB Collaboration Week

October 28th - Full Faculty Meeting at 7:15am in Media Center

Wednesday October 8th is a half day for students

Thursday and Friday October 9th and 10th – No school for students and staff for Fall Break

Parent/Teacher Conferences Tuesday October 7th 4:00pm to 7:00pm

We will be holding our Parent/Teacher Conference Evening on Tuesday October 7th. It will be from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Parents can sign up for a 20-minute meeting at the link below. Should the slots all be filled please reach out to your child's teacher to schedule another time on another day.

Here is the link to make an appointment with your child's teacher: <https://shorturl.at/BDwRT>

National Honor Society Blood Drive October 1st

The first NHS sponsored Blood Drive is Wednesday October 1st. The OneBlood truck will be here to collect blood during the school day. If any staff member or student is interested in donating blood, please see Ms. Emerick in B100 during class changes or during Hawk Time. You must be 16 years old or older to give blood.



Homecoming Dance and Ticket Sales

The Homecoming Dance will be held on **Saturday November 1st at 7:00pm.**

It will be at the **Hilton Beach and Tennis Resort.**

The theme is Masquerade.

Tickets are on sale now.

Tickets are \$20.00 from September 22nd through October 3rd.

Tickets are \$25.00 from October 3rd through October 17th.

After October 17th, ticket prices will be \$50.00.

Tickets will only be sold during the three lunches from September 3rd through October 17th.

Students need to complete the Parent Permission/Guest forms before purchasing a ticket. Forms are available outside B99, B107, or in the main office. In order to purchase a ticket, ALL OBLIGATIONS must be paid.

2025 Homecoming Spirit Days

Themes chosen by students



Monday October 27th

Fall Into School Spirit - students and staff could wear flannel pajamas or hole free jeans and flannel shirt

Tuesday October 28th

Anything But Pumpkin – Students can bring their belongings in anything but a backpack. NO SHOPPING CARTS. Objects cannot obstruct hallways or aisles. Jeans can also be worn.

Wednesday October 29th

Haunted White Lies – white t-shirts with a lie written on it. Needs to be appropriate.

Thursday October 30th

Rhyme With No Reason – twin outfits that rhyme

Friday October 31st

Freaky Friday – students dress as teachers and teachers dress as students

Tutoring for the 2025-26 School Year

The in-person tutoring program for this school year begins this week on Tuesday September 23rd.

Math tutoring will be given by Mr. Willard every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7:00am to 8:00am in Room B116. Students need to secure a pass from Mr. Willard the day before to enter the building.

If tutoring is needed in the other subjects or with other Math teachers, all teachers have office hours Monday through Thursday from 3:30pm to 4:00pm. Students should talk with their teachers about meeting them after school for additional assistance.

We also have an online tutoring program. See below.



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ROTC Fundraiser at Cactus Street Cantina

Wednesday September 24th

Please come out and support our awesome ROTC by going to Cactus Street Cantina on Wednesday September 24th. 10% of all sales all day will go to our ROTC program. The restaurant is located at 1407 Main Street.

Interact Book Drive

The Interact Club is holding a book drive this month! They are collecting children's books, picture books, and novels. Please have your student bring any books you want to donate to Mr. Sanz's room in C 116. The drive begins September 15th and ends September 30th. Your student can earn 15 minutes of community service for each book donated.

The National English Honors Society

Most of the subject areas have their own National Honor Societies. This year we are starting the HHIHS chapter of the National English Honor Society. There is an interest meeting Wednesday September 24th at 8:00am in the Media Center. Students can stop by to learn more about the opportunities that NEHS has to offer and show their interest in the program.

Hilton Head Theatre – Haunted House

There is a Haunted House planning meeting this **Friday at 3:30pm to 5:30pm.**

There is a Haunted House Tech Build Meeting on **Sunday from Noon to 4:00pm.**

Lunch will be provided and service hours will be given.

ASVAB Test

Interested HHIHS students in grades 10-12 can take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test in school on November 19, 2025. The ASVAB can assist students with career exploration in and out of the military. More information about the free test can be found at www.officialasvab.com.

Registration ends on November 3. Students who would like to take the test can sign up at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-r3nJvtVI3UZpn31eurlezpg8EHhNDmhCcu-UJMqBFHK9QA/viewform?usp=header>

The ASVAB test is also used as a measure for College and Career Readiness. Students with a passing score could qualify for early release in their Senior year if their schedule permits.

Athletics this Week

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Monday September 22nd – Girls Tennis home against HH Christian 4:30pm

Tuesday September 23rd – Girls Golf at Bluffton 4:00pm

Tuesday September 23rd – Girls Tennis home against May River 4:30pm

Tuesday September 23rd – Girls JV and Varsity Volleyball away at Colleton
5:30 and 7:00pm

Thursday September 25th – Girls Tennis at Colleton HS 4:30pm

Thursday September 25th - Girls JV and Varsity Volleyball home against Beaufort 5:30 and 7:00pm

Thursday September 25th – JV Football away at Bluffton HS 6:00pm

Friday September 26th – Girls Volleyball Island Bash 4:00pm

Friday September 26th – Varsity Football home against Bluffton HS 7:30pm (Hall of Fame game)

Saturday September 27th – Boys and Girls Cross Country Meet at HHIHS 8:00am

Saturday September 27th – Girls Volleyball Island Bash Tournament 8:30am

Saturday September 27th – Boys and Girls Swim Regional Meet at Rec Center 10:00am



September Choir Newsletter

Our awesome Choir Teacher Mr. Snyder publishes a newsletter for his students and their parents. See the Newsletter here: <https://secure.smores.com/n/q48tj>

From the School Counseling Department- The Counselor's Compass: Guidance for Academic, College, and Career Connections

The School Counseling Office is excited to share with you the latest edition of [*The Counselor's Compass: Guidance for Academic, College, and Career Direction*](#), filled with updates and important information to support you and your student.

Senior Baby Photos for Yearbook

Parents, Guardians and Students, if you are interested in submitting a baby photo for the "Baby Seahawk" spread in the yearbook, the spots are first come first serve! Currently we have 50 and need about 50 more. Please do not wait to submit your photos!!! Your baby picture must be from when you were 1 day-2 years old.

Please send to Patricia.schoelkopf@beaufort.k12.sc.us

Send large files for better print quality. Do not upload and download from social media sites as the image will be too small.

Original photo files from your phone, cloud storage or Google drive work best. Jpeg file format please, not png, heic or pdf.

Senior Makeup Photos

Senior Make-up Photo Sessions will be Wednesday, September 24th & Thursday, September 25th, 2025 at Hilton Head Island High School on the SCC Stage. Students are responsible for scheduling their own session during these days. All sessions can be scheduled at: www.prestigeportraits.com

It is VERY important that you schedule a session time, because no one will be admitted to a photo session without a scheduled appointment. Students can bring up to three extra outfits to fulfill the Essential Session (\$30) and two extra outfits to fulfill the Mini Session (\$20). All students will need to sign up for a minimum of the formal session to ensure their spot in the yearbook. Please note, this is the last time that these sessions will be offered to our students. There is no charge for only taking the formal

photo. Please, note...The formal photos are the ONLY photos that will be published in the yearbook. With all of that said, all students need an appointment no matter what session they desire. The link to schedule a session at school is <https://prestigeportraits.com>.

Students can search for their school's Prestige Portraits event by selecting their city (Hilton Head Island) and state and then putting in their first and last name. Students DO NOT need the 8-digit code to find their event. Hope to see you at Senior Make-up Photos if you did not have your photos taken in July!

Any question please contact Ms. Schoelkopf at: patricia.schoelkopf@beaufort.k12.sc.us



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State-Wide Personal Communication Device Policy

The South Carolina State Department of Education instituted a Personal Electronic and Communication Device Policy in January of 2025. FOR ALL students in PreK through 12th grade the policy states that all personal and communication devices must be turned off and stored in a pocket, purse, backpack, or other non-visible secure location from the school start time to the school end time. Therefore, for all HHIHS students 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.

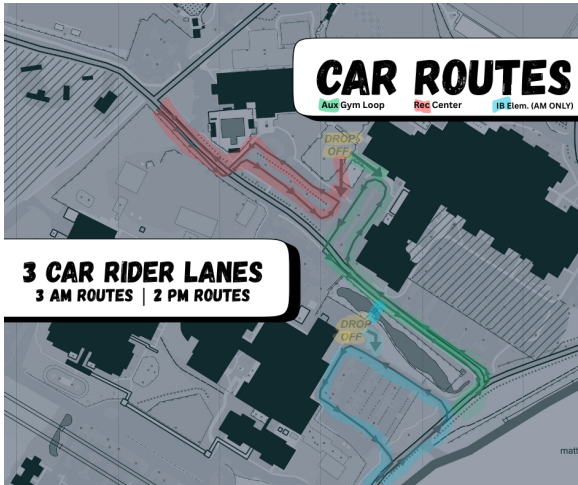
To view the state/district policy: [Personal Devices - Beaufort County School District](#)

Proof of Residency Information

Beaufort County School District (BCSD) requires proof of residency of all students every school year. Proof of residency must be provided for a student's enrollment to be complete. The intent of this process is to verify that students attend the school based on where they reside. You must provide documentation showing that you live at the address in accordance with Federal, State, and District guidelines. Families have up to 30 days from the start of school to submit their Proof of Residency. If a family does not supply

a Proof of Residency after 30 days, the student will not be allowed to continue to attend HHHS until proper documentation is submitted. If your address changes, you must notify the school within 30 calendar days. For more information on Proof of Residency and the required documents, please go to: <https://www.beaufortschools.net/families/registration/proof-of-residency>

Car Rider Plan



Please pay careful attention to the details below. **Please be aware that there is a new traffic circle at the intersection of Wilborn Road and School Road.** To ensure a smooth drop off and pick up each day, we need everyone to follow the plan below. Please review the attached map as you read the instructions below.

There are THREE car rider lanes, three for the morning and two in the afternoon:

- Cars entering the campus from Wilborn Road will proceed to the traffic circle and make the second exit onto School Road. They will drive past the front lot area and make a right after passing the SCC then make a right into the athletic loop. After exiting the loop, they will make a left onto School Road and leave the campus via Wilborn Road.
- Cars entering the campus from Gumtree Road will drive past the Rec Center Building then immediately make a left into the Rec Center Lot. They will then make a quick right to proceed to the end of the lot where the driver can make their drop off and pick up. They will loop around the lot then exit right toward Gumtree Road.
- A third car rider line has been added for the morning only. To avoid traffic on School Road, cars entering the campus to drop off at the high school ONLY can make a left into the Elementary lot and drop off their students near the foot bridge. Those students can cross the foot bridge and cross School Road (we have someone there to assist) and can enter the school through the art wing (D Hall). If you have a middle school student, you cannot use this option because when exiting the lot, it will be difficult to turn left toward the middle school. **Please DO NOT use this option in the afternoon as the elementary school has pickups from its afternoon care programs.**

THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS PROCEDURE.

We ask for everyone's patience and understanding while we try to manage parking and car rider procedures during construction on an active campus.

Attendance Policy for the 2025-26 School Year

It is important for your student to come to school every day, come to school on time, and to be on time for all their classes. There is a positive correlation between being in school and student achievement. The SC State regulation for attendance (seat time) requires a student to be present for at least 120 hours in a semester class or 60 hours in a quarter class in order for a student to receive credit for a class. That is equal to 80 class days for a semester class and 40 for quarter class. In other words, a student may miss up to 10 days per semester class and 5 per quarter class. It is also important to remember that for each time is late (tardy) to a class, this is also a reduction in seat time. If a student does not meet the 120/60 hour seat requirement, they may receive an FA (Failure due to absences) for the course. Seat hours may be made up on Saturdays during the semester on scheduled make up days. For more on the attendance policy please go to: <https://hhihs.beaufortschools.net/families/attendance-policy>

The school calendars can be found at: <https://www.beaufortschools.net/academics/academic-calendar>

Please plan your vacations accordingly to avoid issues with seat time.

Here is the Saturday seat time makeup days for first semester (Students can makeup time up to 30 days after the end of the semester):

Seat Time Days:

October 18 th	December 6 th
October 25 th	December 13 th
November 1 st	December 20 th
November 8 th	January 10 th
November 15 th	January 24 th
November 22 nd	January 31st : The last seat time for the first semester.

Attendance Notes

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

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 10:00am 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.

PTSO (Parent, Teacher and Student Organization) Meetings for the 2025-26 School Year

The meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. The meetings start at 12:30pm and held in the HHIHS Front Office Conference Room

October 14th

No meeting in November for Veteran's Day

December 9th

January 13th

February 10th

March 10th

No meeting in April for Spring Break

May 12th

SIC (School Improvement Council) Meetings for the 2025-26 School Year

The meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month. The meetings start at 5:30pm and are held in the HHIHS Library.

October 16th

November 20th

December 18th

January 15th

February 19th

March 12th (moved to 2nd week of month due to Parent/Teacher Conferences on the 19th)

No meeting in April for Spring Break

May 21st

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>

Save the Date: Fall Semester Parent/Teacher Conference Evening October 7th

Save the Date: Homecoming Dance at Hilton Head Beach and Tennis November 1st

Save the Date: Open House for the Spring Semester January 28, 2026

Save the Date: HHIHS 2026 Prom Saturday March 14, 2026

Save the Date: Spring Semester Parent/Teacher Conference Evening March 19, 2026

Save the Date: Graduation for the Class of 2026 Friday May 29th at 7:00pm



Hilton Head Island High School Facebook, ROTC Facebook and Athletic Facebook

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 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>

Have a great week. Go Seahawks!!!

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