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GREETINGS FROM MR. GONZALES

March 2026

Spring is in the air, bringing a season of growth, opportunity, and challenge. In the spirit of our 2025–2026 schoolwide theme, “Accept the Challenge,” and our 7 Mindsets focus on “Live to Give,” this March is a meaningful time for our Tiger Family to reflect on how we grow not only for ourselves, but for others. Just as a garden flourishes with care and intention, our students continue to thrive because of the encouragement, support, and belief that surround them each day. Thank you for the many ways you invest in their success—whether cheering from the stands, applauding performances, or supporting them at home. Your partnership truly makes a difference.

I would also like to congratulate our basketball, wrestling, soccer, powerlifting, and indoor track teams on outstanding seasons! As we move deeper into the semester, I encourage everyone to come out and support our robotics, tennis, softball, baseball, and outdoor track teams, along with upcoming drama, band, and choir performances. There is always something to celebrate at HHS, and our students shine when their Tiger Family shows up.

Academically, this is an important stretch of the year. Our 10th, 11th, and retesting 12th grade students will soon take the ever-important ACT on Tuesday, March 10—an assessment that can open doors to college and career opportunities. Accepting this challenge means preparing with focus, confidence, and determination. We encourage students to take this seriously, give their best effort, and remember that this is an opportunity to demonstrate what they know and how far they have come. When students commit to doing their best, they not only invest in their own future—they “live to give” by modeling perseverance and excellence for others.

Our counselors continue to support students with course verification, future planning, and post-graduation preparation, ensuring each student’s path aligns with their goals and aspirations. Meanwhile, state assessments will take place later this spring, and we are confident our students will rise to meet these expectations.

It’s hard to believe the end of the school year is already on the horizon, with Spring Break approaching April 3–8. Thank you, Tiger Family, for your continued partnership, encouragement, and belief in our students. Together, we are cultivating something truly special as we continue to #AcceptTheChallenge!

Jose Gonzales
Principal
Hahnville High School



Counselors' Corner

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Seniors interested in scholarship opportunities, please be sure to check out the Counselor Google Classroom to find scholarships, TOPS/ FAFSA information, and many more resources. The counselors add new scholarship opportunities on a weekly basis so visit the page often!

Scholarship offer letters should be given to Mrs. Angela Dempster in AG1 as soon as possible regardless if you will attend the college that offered the scholarship. This information will be placed in the graduation program. The deadline to submit this information to Mrs. Angela Dempster is April 24, 2026.

Scheduling is complete for 9th -11th grades. Students have received their Schedule Verification Forms which were due on Wednesday, February 11. If your form has not been turned in, it is advised to be turned in NOW! This is your last chance to make changes for next year's course choices. Remember, check your alternates because your schedule is built around required classes so whatever elective fits, that is the one that sticks!

To find course options please visit the Course Catalog posted on the HHS website under "Academic Students have also completed Individual Graduation Plans (IGPs) with their counselor. Please sign and return these forms when they are brought home.

2025-2026 Counseling Department Guide

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Together**



Safe Schools with Coach Boyne

On the 3/11 Professional Learning Day, all SCPPS employees will participate in the annual Active Shooter (Lockdown) Drill. Representatives from SCPPS and SCPSO will visit all schools across the district to initiate a lockdown drill. This drill will provide feedback to our Safe School Team and enable us to have HHS provide an even safer learning environment for all!

SSC/SEL Recap

The Live to Give mindset encourages students to make a difference through even the smallest acts of kindness. By helping others, students build confidence, connection, and a stronger sense of purpose!

STUDENT/FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS





NURSE'S CORNER

Spring Health Reminder

As we head into the spring months, it's a great time for students to focus on healthy habits. Getting enough sleep, staying hydrated, eating balanced meals, and managing stress can help students stay focused and energized during the school day.

Spring is also a good time to review your student's immunization records and schedule any needed vaccinations with your healthcare provider.

If your student needs to update medical information or submit new immunization records, please contact the school nurse!

Congratulations to our 2025–2026 Educators Rising Student of the Year, Avery Oertling!

A senior at Hahnville High School, Avery has shown dedication, leadership, and a true passion for education.

This fall, she's headed to Ole Miss to pursue a degree in Secondary Mathematics Education, continuing her journey toward making a meaningful impact in the classroom.

We are so proud of you, Avery!





Mental Health Corner

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Dr. Marquita Hill George

MENTAL HEALTH CORNER

Giving is a Gift

As we continue supporting our students' academic growth, it is just as important to nurture their character. One powerful way to do that is by teaching them that giving is a gift.

When high school students learn to give whether it's their time, encouragement, talents, or resources; they begin to understand the value of empathy, compassion, and community.



Giving can change the
lives of others, while
healing the heart of
the giver.

Encouraging teens to serve others helps strengthen their sense of purpose and belonging. Research shows that acts of generosity can boost mood, reduce stress, and increase overall well-being.

Giving also builds leadership skills, responsibility, and confidence, as students see the positive impact they can have on others.

As families, you can reinforce this message at home by modeling generosity, having conversations about gratitude, and creating opportunities for your teen to serve in ways that align with their interests.

When we teach our children that giving is not just something we do but part of who we are, we help shape caring, resilient young adults who are prepared to make a difference in the world.

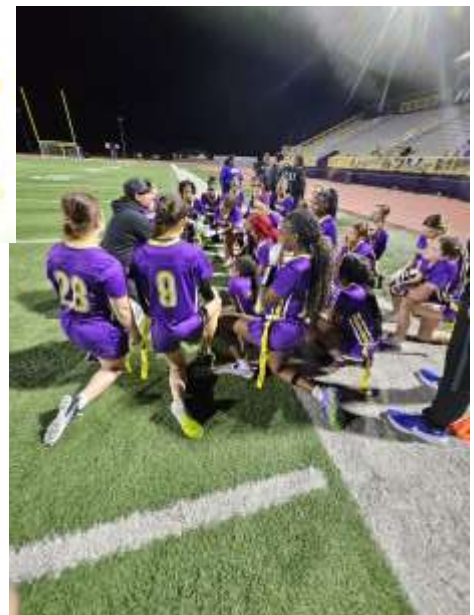


The Hahnville High School Library continues to be a welcoming space for students to learn, explore, and grow. Throughout the month, students have been utilizing the library for research, studying, and collaborative learning. Whether working on class assignments, preparing for upcoming assessments, or simply finding a quiet place to focus, the library remains an important hub for academic success on campus.

Students are also encouraged to take advantage of the library's collection of books, digital resources, and study materials. Reading for enjoyment and personal growth is always encouraged, and new titles are regularly available for checkout. Stop by the library this month to discover a new book, work on assignments, or take advantage of the many resources available to support student learning.

Marching into Women's History Month with our very own FIRST women's flag football team at HHS!

HHS has always been known for its long-standing sports traditions. Coming off its Centennial celebration, that trailblazing tradition continues. Hahnville High School has accepted the challenge and, as one of only a few schools in the state, is piloting its very first Girls Flag Football team — and it has quickly become the talk of the town! The Tiger Flag Football team has been working diligently for weeks, preparing to showcase even more HHS girls' talent within our parish. Assistant Coach Bass shared, "It's such an exciting time to be part of this. Flag Football is exploding in popularity, and the enthusiasm these ladies have brought to a sport that is brand new to HHS and the parish is inspiring!" Coach Stein also remarked, "I am thrilled Louisiana has decided to expand high school flag football throughout the state. Flag Football empowers young ladies by fostering confidence, resilience, and leadership. We are already seeing this impact on our young team after only a few weeks of practice. "As Coach Brad Keller put it, "Our team motto is Commit. Compete. Inspire. It means a great deal to all of us because, as a brand-new sport for young women at our school, it demands a high level of commitment from every player. We're stepping into a competitive environment where nothing is guaranteed and everything is earned. But the most meaningful part is this: these athletes are the FIRST. They are laying the foundation, setting the standard, and inspiring future generations of young women who will follow their lead and dream of playing this sport. Their impact will reach far beyond this season." WE ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE!





Appreciation Strategy Humility
Commitment Responsibility Listening
STUDENT COUNCIL
Integrity Honest Communication
Values Purpose Determination
Leadership Passion Principles

The Student Council went to Carver to participate in the Carver Parades on Friday, February 13th. Student Council will go back to Carver later this year for the Spring Hop and the Panda Parade. On Friday, April 24th, Student Council members will help RJ Vial at the Cajun Day. Saturday, April 25th is Prom

Maintenance Worker Appreciation Day!

Thomas Bourgeois!



Athletic Department Honors

Boys Basketball

- 8-5A 1st Team All-District – Kaden Downing
- 8-5A 1st Team Defensive All-District – Lionel Irons

Girls Basketball – 8-5A District Champions

- 8-5A Defensive MVP – Amani Williams

Boys Soccer

- 7-1 1st Team All-District – Bennett Asperin, Dani Medina, Emerson Simon-Freese

Wrestling

- District Champion – Logan Rodrigue

Powerlifting

- Bayou Regional Champion – Fisher Robinson, 242 lb weight class
- Will compete in the State Powerlifting Meet on Saturday, March 28



Below are the ACT test dates and registration deadlines for 2025-2026. Register online at ACT.org. Students that are eligible for free or reduced lunch are eligible for 2 vouchers TOTAL to take the ACT. Because all students are receiving free or reduced lunch please see the guidance from ACT on eligibility at <https://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/FeeWaiver.pdf>. Please see Mrs. Dempster in the Counseling Suite for more information.

Registration Deadline

Late Registration Deadline

May 8th, 2026 — — — — — — — —> May 27th, 2026

June 5th, 2026 — — — — — — — —> June 24th, 2026

In compliance with Title VI, Title IX and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, this

Educational Agency holds the following policy:

This is an equal opportunity school and is dedicated to a policy of non-discrimination in employment or training. Qualified students, applicants or employees will not be excluded from any course or activity because of age, race, creed, color, sex, religion, national origin or qualified handicap. All students have equal rights to counseling and training.

Message from SCPPS:

Due to federal regulations, HHS is responsible
for notifying you

annually of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) management plan at your school.

This plan was developed for each school as per the Louisiana Hazard Emergency Response Act (LA HERA). The emergency plan is housed in a binder in the main office of each school and is available for viewing upon request.

Since the plan was developed, many of the hazards have been removed. In a few buildings where hazards still remain, corrective actions are ongoing. All schools meet the health requirements that pertain to these regulations.

If you have any questions concerning this topic, please contact

Keith Barnes, Director of Physical Plant Maintenance, at 985-331-3406, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.



Mark Your Calendar

- HHS ACT (10th, 11th, & Retesting 12th grade students) - Tuesday, March 10
- Professional Learning Student Holiday (No School) - Wednesday, March 11
- End of 2nd Quarter - Friday, March 13
- Beginning of 3rd Quarter - Monday, March 16
- FLEX & SEL SSC - Tuesday & Wednesday, March 17 & 18
- FLEX & SEL SSC - Tuesday & Wednesday, March 24 & 25
- 3rd Quarter Progress Reports - Friday, March 27
- HHS Crawfish Cook-Off @ Monsanto Park - Saturday, March 28
- Spring Break - Friday, April 3 - Wednesday, April 8
- HHS Talent Show - Friday, April 10
- HHS Cord Ceremony - April 23 (6:00 pm)

