

WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome back, Impact Academy High School students, to another incredible year under our 2026–2027 theme, "Destination Impact: Where Excellence Takes Flight"! Your screen is your launchpad, and our journey officially begins on the first day of school, **Monday, August 3**. This year, we are charting a course toward world-class learning and lifelong opportunities, navigating a unique weekly schedule designed to help your potential take full flight.

Synchronous Days (Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri): Log in live for real-time, interactive classes following our daily bell schedule.

Asynchronous Days (Wednesdays): Work independently at your own pace to complete assignments, projects, and modules.

Daily Bell Schedule (Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri)

Block One	7:45 am - 9:15 am
Block Two	9:20 am - 10:50 am
Lunch	10:55 am - 11:20 am
Block Three	11:20 am - 12:50 pm
Block Four	12:55 pm - 2:25 pm
Advisory/Instructional Focus	2:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Impact Academy High School

ON-CAMPUS WEDNESDAYS



ENTRANCE/ARRIVAL

Students will arrive by 7:45 AM. Enter through the main doors of IA. Parents DO NOT need to escort their students into the building

CHECK-IN

Students will check in with Dr. Waller. Electronics will be collected.
REMEMBER: HENRY COUNTY SCHOOLS HAS A NO ELECTRONICS POLICY



THE DAY



Students will follow their schedule. We do not have classrooms; therefore, it is important that students review the content room locators that will be located arount the building

LUNCH

Our lunchtime is 10:55 to 11:20. Students can bring a lunch or purchase a lunch from the cafeteria. We do utilize the cafeteria with the students of the Advanced Academy





PICK UP/DISMISSAL

Students must be picked up by 2:30 PM. Students are picked up at the front of Impact Academy. Parents do not have to come in to check students out. The students will be outside waiting on their ride.

CHECKOUTS

If you are checking your student out before 2:30 PM, you must come inside to the front office and check out your student.

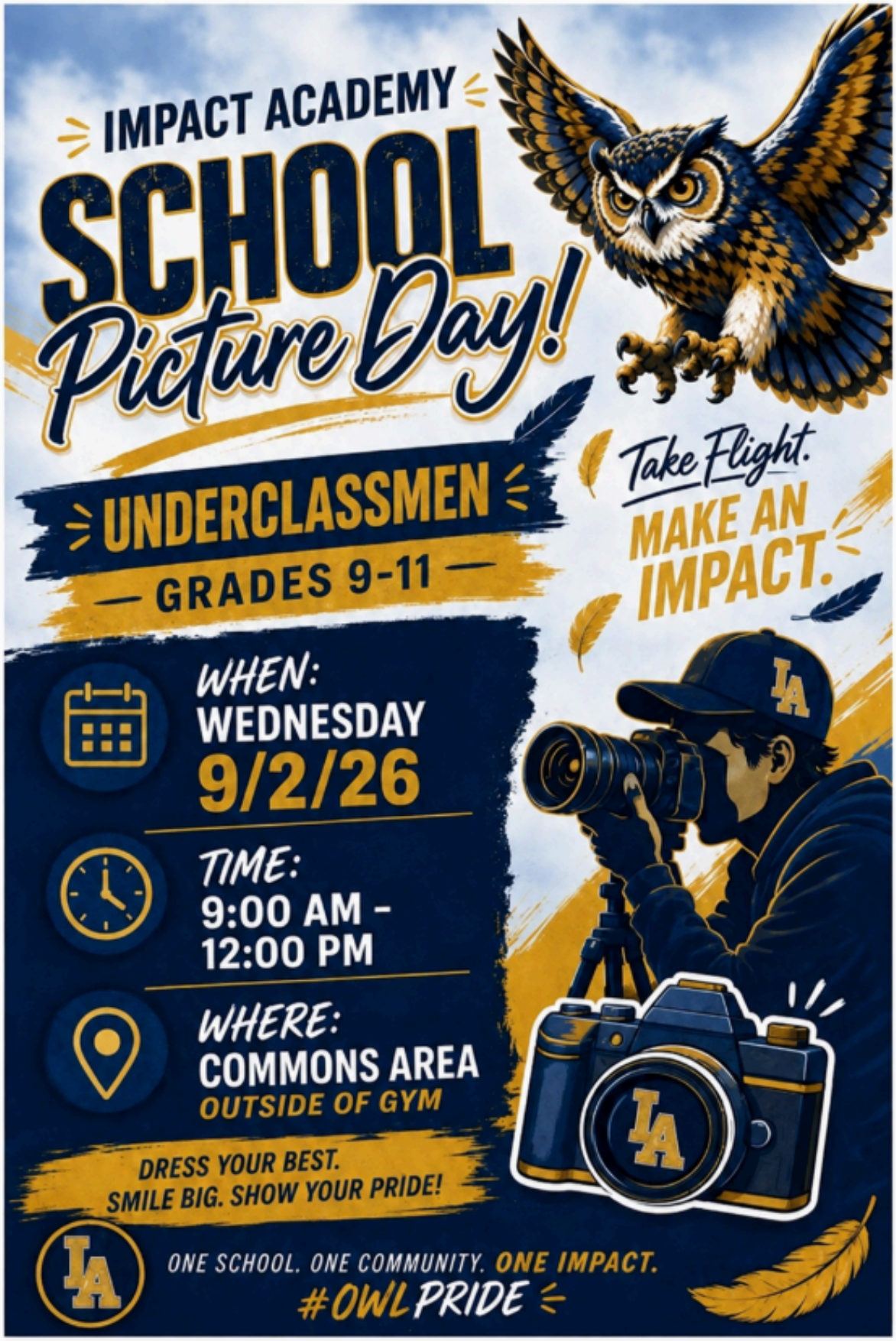


SENIOR OFFICERS

Class of 2027

PRESIDENT	Kendall Lewis	
VICE-PRESIDENT	Kinsley Ellis	
SECRETARY	Jaelena Arroyo	
IDEAS?	**If you have any suggestions for Senior events for this year, please reach out to one of your officers!**	

Senior Class Sponsors:
Ms. A. Howell
(ahowell@henry.k12.ga.us)
Ms. R. Smith
(Retta.smith@henry.k12.ga.us)


IMPACT ACADEMY
SCHOOL
Picture Day!
UNDERCLASSMEN
— GRADES 9-11 —
Take Flight.
MAKE AN IMPACT.
WHEN:
WEDNESDAY
9/2/26
TIME:
9:00 AM -
12:00 PM
WHERE:
COMMONS AREA
OUTSIDE OF GYM
DRESS YOUR BEST.
SMILE BIG. SHOW YOUR PRIDE!
ONE SCHOOL. ONE COMMUNITY. ONE IMPACT.
#OWLPRIDE

EVENING With UGA & GT

HENRY COUNTY

EXPLORE. CONNECT. PLAN YOUR FUTURE.



SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

6:00PM – 7:30PM

CHECK IN: 5:30PM

REGISTER HERE!

bitly

SCAN ME!

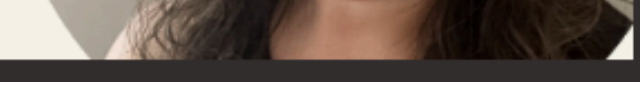
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PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
37 LEMON ST
MCDONOUGH, GA 30253

Bright Futures Begin in HCS

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA | Georgia Tech

TWO POWERHOUSE UNIVERSITIES. ONE POWERFUL NIGHT.

Meet your Social Worker, Rebekah Ross



SERIOUSLY, DON'T MISS OUT!

ORDER THE YEARBOOK

YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE NOW

LIKE, RIGHT NOW

Impact Academy

Code: 26833

VARSITY YEARBOOK

IMPACT ACADEMY

VARSITY YEARBOOK

DEDICATION ADS

5TH GRADE, 8TH GRADE, & SENIORS ONLY





C.J. Martin









DEADLINE FEBRUARY 14TH

You create the ad **FIRST.**

You pay **AFTER** you're completely finished it and you're ready to submit it, which you must do before the deadline.

AD SPACE WILL BE LIMITED AFTER DEADLINE
After the deadline, if there is still room for ads on the pages allotted for ads, sales will remain open until those pages are filled. Sales will close without notice when the ad pages are filled.

GO TO YEARBOOKORDERCENTER.COM OR SCAN THIS QR CODE TO GO THERE.

SCHOOL CODE 26833

You will have final approval before you submit your ad. We reserve the right to refuse or edit any portion of your message or photo that is unacceptable for publication.

FULL PAGE | ½ PAGE | ¼ PAGE

Need help making your ad? Give us a ring!

866.287.3096

YEARBOOK ORDER CENTER

HOW TO BUY A YEARBOOK AD

CREATE AN ACCOUNT

START ONLINE.

1. Go to www.YearbookOrderCenter.com.



2. Search for your school by name or code. *If you need assistance, call the Yearbook Order Center M-F at 866.287.3096. They are happy to help.*
3. Under "Share Your Love" click "Start Your Ad."
4. Select the ad size you want to create.

CREATE AN ACCOUNT.

1. Clickon "Student."
2. Search by last name. *If your student's name is not there, please add it.*
3. Enter your email and create a password.
4. Select a template.
5. If you want to save your work to finish later, click "Continue," and "Finish Later."

CREATE YOUR AD

ADD THE TEXT.

1. Enter the student's name.
2. Enter your message to the student.
3. Adjust the font, size, and color of the text. *To maintain consistency, the text frames are locked in position. You can use the Return key to insert space above or below the text.*
4. Consider whether the text will print legibly in the colors and fonts you've chosen and modify if needed. *See notes below.*
5. If you want to save your work to finish later, click "Continue," and "Finish Later."

ADD THE PHOTOS.

1. Upload the photos.
2. Place photos into frames and crop them to look their best. *To maintain consistency, text frames are locked in position.*
3. If the photos don't fit well or if they don't enlarge to the size you want, *see notes below.*
4. If you want to save your work to finish later, click "Continue" and "Finish Later."

PROOF IT & PAY FOR IT.

PROOF THE AD.

1. Whenyou finish designing the ad, click "Continue" and choose "View Proof." *Proofread carefully. It will print as you create it.*
2. Click to "Edit the Ad" or to "Finish Later."
3. When you are ready to submit it, enter your initials it authorize it to print as is.

PAY FOR THE AD BEFORE THE DEADLINE.

Click "Add to Cart" andadd requested data.

1. Choose your payment method — Shop, PayPal, Credit Card, or eCheck. If you choose PayPal,youcan split the purchase into four payments every 2 weeks (for free).
2. After you complete checkout, look for your confirmation email from the Varsity Yearbook Order Center. *If you don't receive a confirmation email, please check your Junk Mail. If it's not there, please call the Yearbook Order Center at 866.287.3096. They will be happy to look up the status of your ad to ensure your submission is complete.*

TIPS FOR **GREAT** DESIGN

COLORS — Don't combine dark backgrounds with dark text. Ditto for light colors.

- Color contrast is more obvious on illuminated screens than in print, so keep in mind that if you use a dark color on a dark color or a light color on a light color, the text might be legible on your screen, but it might not be in print if the colors don't contrast enough.
- If you choose black, navy, dark green, or dark purple for the background, do not use one of those colors for the text, and vice versa . . . and ditto for light colors.

TEXT — Fill empty space by increasing the font size and/or inserting spaces.

- YOUR STUDENT'S NAME - After you type the first and last name, fill any empty space by increasing the size or by adding a middle name. Also, you can use the Return key on your keyboard to put the last name on a second line or to insert lines above the name to center it horizontally in its text frame.
- YOUR MESSAGE TO YOUR STUDENT – Fill empty space by making the font size larger. Also, don't use script fonts for the message. It might make it too hard to read in print.

PHOTOS — Fully fill photo frames. If needed, try a different template or use different photos.

- Zoom in on what's most important. When possible, crop out ceilings, walls, floors., etc.
- If you can't make the image large enough to fill the frame, it doesn't have enough data to be larger. Either put that pic in a smaller frame or upload a higher-resolution version. Screenshots & downloads are low res, but usually the original from the camera isn't.
- If you want to use a photo that's printed, scan them at a high resolution or take pics of them with your phone. If you take pics of pics, avoid shadows and hold the camera level'

TEMPLATES — If the template doesn't have the shapes you need, choose another template.

- If you've already typed your message onto a template, copy the message you've written and paste it someplace on your computer before you create a new one..
- Click "Save and Continue." On the Review screen choose "Yearbook Ads" and then "My Ad Projects." At the bottom, click "Create New Ad."
- After you select a new template, the photos you uploaded previously will be there, and you can copy/paste your message into that layout.

IMPORTANT **INFO**

1. **YOU MUST COMPLETE ALL STEPS BEFORE SPACE IS RESERVED FOR YOUR AD.** You can work in multiple sessions until the deadline, but space is NOT reserved until you create it & pay for it.
2. **WE CANNOT ACCEPT BLANK ADS. THEY WILL BE REFUNDED.** Do not purchase a blank ad in the hopes of creating it later. It will be refunded automatically.
3. **PROOFREAD & REVIEW YOUR AD CAREFULLY. YOUR AD WILL PRINT AS YOU SUBMIT IT.** It is important that you double check the ad before you pay for it.
4. **THE PURCHASE OF AN AD DOESN'T INCLUDE A BOOK** so if you need to buy a yearbook, please do so.
5. **AD SPACE WILL BE LIMITED AFTER THE DUE DATE.** If any spots remain on the pages after the deadline, sales will remain open until the space is filled, but sales will close without notice as soon as all ad peges are filled.
6. **DO NOT USE PHOTOS WITH WEAPONS.** Most school districts do not allow weapons to be visible in senior ads. If you choose photos with weapons, crop them out.

Need help making your ad? Give us a ring!

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YEARBOOK ORDER CENTER

Destination IMPACT:
Where Excellence Takes Flight
World Class Learning. Lifelong Opportunity.

August 2026

Date	Event / Session
August 4	Parent Virtual Curriculum Night
August 10	Senior Advisement @9:30AM Google Classroom
August 11	Junior Advisement @9:30AM Google Classroom
August 11	Seniors/Parent Meeting @ 3:00-5:00 PM
August 11	College/Career Fair 3:00-4:00PM
August 12	Freshmen 8:00 AM Advisement
August 18	Probe Fair 6pm Woodland High School
August 19	Sophomores Class 8:00 AM Advisement
August 24 - September 9	Seniors Individual Advisement Sessions - Google Classroom
August 20	FAFSA Virtual Session @ 9:30AM
August 28	Dual Enrollment Check-In @9:30AM

September 2026

Date	Event / Session
September 9	Senior Advisements con't
September 8	Naviance Advisement Sessions - Seniors
September 9	Seniors Individual Advisement Sessions end
September 21 - October 14	Junior Individual Advisement Sessions
September 23	SOS Virtual Lesson/Counselor Session
September 25	Dual Enrollment Check-In@ 9:30am
September 28	Naviance Advisement Sessions - Juniors
September 29	Naviance Advisement Sessions - Juniors

Class of 2027

SENIORS

DESTINATION: SUCCESS

• YOUR ADVENTURE STARTS NOW •

Impact ACADEMY

Seniors

You've finally made it! You are embarking on your final year of high school. Congratulations, Class of 2027!

Please join the Class of 2027 Google Classroom Code: **3ekqt6tv** for senior information. More information can also be found on the Senior Website.

scan me!

UPCOMING DATES:

August 11th:
Senior/Parent Meeting from 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM in IA Commons

August 3rd:
Class Officer Information will available on the Senior Google Classroom.

December 2nd:
Senior Photo Roadshow - at IA Gym from 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM. Register through Cady Studios Website: **Cady.com**

Class Officer

Want to be involved in planning your senior year? Want to have a voice in the events and activities that will make your final year memorable? Please make sure to check the Senior Google Classroom on August 3rd for more information.

Senior Sponsors:

Ms. Angel Howell
ahowell@henry.k12.ga.us

Mrs. Retta Smith
retta.smith@henry.k12.ga.us

Coming Soon:

- Senior Dues/Cost
- Senior Events
- Senior Calendar

PASSPORT

IA

CLASS OF 2027

Mandatory PSAT Testing All 10th Grade Students

On October 21, 2026, the PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 8/9 will be administered at Impact Academy. The PSAT is mandatory for all 10th grade students. Any 9th or 11th grade students must pay to take the assessment (see link to letter below; payments are due on Sept. 11th). All tests are administered on-campus and in-person, with no virtual option. The PSAT will be administered at Impact Academy. Students must arrive by 7:45 AM.

When?

Wednesday, October 21
Students must arrive at 7:45 AM
Pick up at 11:00 AM

Who?

All 10th grade students (see teacher if you have questions regarding your grade level)
Select 9th and 11th grade students WHO'VE PAID IN ADVANCE

Where?

Impact Academy
Transportation is NOT provided

Other Information

- Transportation is NOT provided
- Students must bring their school-issued Chromebook; fully charged
- Questions: Contact Dr. Waller at Impact Academy

Click here for PSAT Letter

CR: CREDIT RECOVERY
on Your Schedule

Your counselor and I have identified that you qualify for Georgia Virtual Credit Recovery. This course is needed to graduate. Students can earn credit by completing the course through **Georgia Virtual (GAVS)** online platform. This course is provided **free** to participating Georgia public high school students for **all first-time enrollments**. You need this course to graduate. This is an **asynchronous program**, meaning there is no live teacher. Students need to log in and complete the modules, which include quizzes, tests, and/or essays. It is a **work at your own pace** course. The platform is **open 24/7** meaning you can work on the assignments at any time. The goal is to complete the course as soon as possible so we can update transcripts. Please email me when you have completed the course. Also, please remember to also complete your assignments for your other courses. You don't want to fall behind.

ACTION REQUIRED:

STEP 1:
PLEASE SIGN THE ELECTRONIC CONTRACT.

The Credit Recovery Contract outlines the details and expectations of the program. I kindly request that both of you review the contract carefully together. It includes information about the courses available for credit recovery, the timeline for completion, and the responsibilities of all parties involved.

STEP 2:
CREATE AN ACCOUNT ON GAVS.

- Visit GAVs Website: https://gavs.geniussis.com/PublicWelcome.aspx
- Click create student account.
- Enter the required information. All yellow fields required. Use your personal email, not Henry County email.
- Add **Impact** to the school option/affiliation.
- Click save.

If you already have a GAVS account, please do not create a new one. Just email me to let me know that you already have an account.

This course must be completed by December 18, 2026.

This information will also be emailed to your school email. Once I receive the signed contract and you've registered on GAVs, I will enroll you into the course. Please send an email to Mrs. Smith, retta.smith@henry.k12.gaus, once you've completed **steps 1 & 2**.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Smith;

retta.smith@henry.k12.ga.us

You need this course
TO GRADUATE!

IMPACT ACADEMY

Destination Impact:

WHERE EXCELLENCE TAKES FLIGHT.

STAY CONNECTED

SENIORS REMIND

CLASS CODE

@IASenior27

GET REMINDERS
Receive important updates and alerts.

STAY INFORMED
Know what's happening in the Counseling Office.

STAY CONNECTED
Join our school community and stay in the loop.

ACHIEVE TOGETHER
We're here to support your success every step of the way!

Google Classroom CLASS CODES

COHORT 2027 SENIORS	sfnvw3x4
COHORT 2030 FRESHMAN	tvdkpe3t
COHORT 2029 SOPHOMORES	mjdcg2mw
COHORT 2028 JUNIORS	x4wjyanp

COUNSELING OFFICE WEBSITE
https://ia.henry.k12.ga.us/counseling-office

We're Here for You!

BE AN OWL. MAKE AN IMPACT.

#IMPACTACADEMY

IMPACT 316

High School Bible Study

Know Jesus. Grow Together. Make an Impact.

OUR MISSION

Impact 316 exists to create a welcoming community where students can grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ through Bible study, prayer, authentic friendships, and service. Inspired by John 3:16, we strive to know God's love, live out our faith, and make a positive impact in our school, our community, and the world.

FIRST SEMESTER MEETINGS

- September 9
- October 14
- November 4
- December 2

TIME: 2:30 – 3:00 PM

LOCATION: GYM

WANT TO JOIN?

Join our Google Classroom for updates, resources, and encouragement!

CLASS CODE: ikzriy3h

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

BRING A FRIEND!

KNOW GOD'S WORD | GROW TOGETHER | PRAY TOGETHER | SERVE OTHERS | LIVE WITH PURPOSE | MAKE AN IMPACT

For God so loved the world, that HE gave HIS only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in HIM should not perish, but have everlasting life.

IMPACT ACADEMY

PREPARE.
PERFORM.
MAKE AN IMPACT.

ASVAB

— SIGN-UP! —

ARMED SERVICES VOCATIONAL APTITUDE BATTERY

TAKE THE NEXT STEP *toward your future.*

SIGN UP TODAY!

TEST DATE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

TEST TIME

8:00 A.M.

LOCATION

IMPACT ACADEMY

- BRING YOUR SCHOOL-ISSUED CHROMEBOOK AND CHARGER.
- BE ON TIME AND READY TO DO YOUR BEST!
- YOUR EFFORT TODAY CAN OPEN DOORS TOMORROW.

WHY TAKE THE ASVAB?

EXPLORE YOUR STRENGTHS
Discover your skills and career opportunities.

KEEP YOUR OPTIONS OPEN
ASVAB scores are used by all branches of the U.S. Military.

PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE
A great step toward achieving your goals—whether you enlist or not.

THE ASVAB CAN OPEN DOORS TO:

U.S. ARMY · U.S. NAVY · U.S. AIR FORCE · U.S. MARINE CORPS · U.S. COAST GUARD · U.S. SPACE FORCE · NATIONAL GUARD

READY TO SIGN UP? *It's quick and easy!*

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★ QUESTIONS? SEE YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR. ★

IA HS Club Information

Clubs and Organizations		
Club Name	Description	Teacher/Sponsor
Beta Club	Promotes the ideals of character, service, and leadership among students. Membership by invitation only for 10-12th grade students who maintain a 3.5 weighted GPA.	Ms. Marsha Dryden
Gamers Club	An opportunity for students to get together after school, socialize, and have fun playing video games and board games. All games are multi-player and students often have a choice between playing cooperatively or competitively. It is a great way to meet new students, make new friends, and engage in fun, friendly competition. Moreover, the Gamers Club engages in competitive game play in a variety of digitally game-based genres.	This club is not active at this time.
Freshman Class Sponsor	The class sponsor is responsible for receiving class dues, distributing class items, planning, and implementing class activities, communication with the students, updating the class handbooks, submitting budgets to the bookkeeper and all things freshman.	Ms. Daketa Fonville
National Technical Honor Society	The National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) recognizes high school students who demonstrate excellence in Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education (CTAE) through outstanding academic achievement, leadership, character, and career readiness. Membership is by invitation and is open to students who are currently enrolled in a CTAE pathway, have successfully completed the first course in their pathway, and maintain a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA.	DeAnna Miller
IA Owl Ambassadors	Official hosts and hostesses for campus events act as student guides for visitors. These students will be positive role models for their peers.	Ms. Amanda Hatfield
Junior Class Sponsor	The class sponsor is responsible for receiving class dues, distributing class items, planning, and implementing class activities, communication with the students, updating the class handbooks, submitting budgets to the bookkeeper, prom, and all things for juniors.	
Rho Kappa (Social Studies Honor Society)	Rho Kappa is the only national honor society that recognizes excellence in social studies. The program promotes scholarship, civic engagement, and an appreciation for history and the social sciences. Membership is by invitation only for seniors who have a 3.5 GPA in their social studies classes and a cumulative GPA of a 3.3.	Ms. Shannon Stiles
Spanish Club	Stimulates interest in the study of Spanish, promotes high standards of scholarship, rewards scholastic achievements, and creates enthusiasm for and an understanding of Hispanic culture civilization.	Ms. Seymour and Ms. Felix
Senior Class Sponsor	The class sponsor is responsible for receiving class dues, distributing class items, planning, and implementing class activities, communication with the students, updating the class handbooks, submitting budgets to the bookkeeper, baccalaureate, and the commencement ceremony.	Ms. Angel Howell
Sophomore Class Sponsor	The class sponsor is responsible for receiving class dues, distributing class items, planning, and implementing class activities, communication with the students, updating the class handbooks, submitting budgets to the bookkeeper and all things sophomores.	
Student Council	Develops democratic ideals, teaches respect for law and order, maintains the highest standards of cooperation and school spirit, and promotes general social life in the school. Membership is open to students in good academic standing who are able to perform the duties of the elected office.	
Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)	Brings business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. We bring our mission to life through the application of our motto: Service, Education, and Progress.	Mrs. Shemeka Walton
Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society)	Mu Alpha Theta is a National Mathematics Honor Society. To join students must have completed 2 years of college preparatory mathematics and have a 3.0 grade point average in their math class.	Ms. Carla Keaton
National Honor Society	Recognizes students who have demonstrated excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service, and who exhibit high moral character. Membership is open to selection as prescribed by the national guidelines. Selection is made in the spring and induction in the fall.	
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	The FCA Vision: To see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of athletes and coaches.To present to athletes and coaches and all whom they influence the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church.Our relationships will demonstrate steadfast commitment to Jesus Christ and His Word through Integrity, Serving, Teamwork and Excellence	Ms. Julie Holcombe

Hey STUDENTS!



CHECK YOUR SCHOOL EMAIL *REGULARLY!*

Important information and exciting opportunities are sent to your school email.



BETA CLUB INVITATIONS WILL BE *going out next week!*

Don't miss out!

STAY CONNECTED.
STAY INFORMED.
BE INVOLVED.

CHECK TODAY. OPPORTUNITIES ARE WAITING!





STEM Discovery London

Summer 2028

Dear parents & guardians,

There's an incredible educational travel opportunity available for your student. From big adventures to small moments along the way, travel expands your student's knowledge of the world around them and helps them discover more about themselves. Come to the information session to meet with me and learn more about this tour, including:

- **What we'll see and do**
- **Travel logistics**
- **Earning high school or college credit**
- **Affordable payment options**
- **How to enroll on this trip—before it fills up**



I look forward to seeing you there!

Mrs. Miller & Dr. Grier
Group Leader



For more information contact me
deanna.miller@henry.k12.ga.us
colandra.grier@henry.k12.ga.us

Scan to RSVP

https://bit.ly/4fpf1Jb

Can't make the meeting?
Opt to get info when you RSVP!

EDUCATIONAL TOURS

SUBJECT: Enrollment for London is now open – details inside!

Dear families,

A big thank you to everyone who attended our meeting about the upcoming trip to London in Summer 2028. Enrollment is now open!

There are only **15 spots available,** and you can lock in your spot with only $95. Plus, enroll by August 28, and you'll receive a **$250 discount**. As a reminder, EF also offers risk-free enrollment, which gives you the flexibility to cancel within 7 days for a full refund, just in case your plans change.

👉 **Enroll now and check out the trip details here: www.eftours.com/3080262NS**
⏳ **Space is limited, and spots are first-come, first-served!**

To learn more about EF Educational Tours, our trusted travel partner, you can check out their website. It covers everything from payment plans to what's included to their approach to safety. Once you enroll, you'll also get access to your personal fundraising page and can apply for EF's Global Citizen Scholarship!

Have additional questions? Email me directly, check out EF's website, or contact EF's Traveler Support Team:
💬 **Live chat:** https://www.eftours.com/contact-us
📞 **Call:** 800-665-5364
🖥️eftours.com

If your student has friends who are interested but haven't signed up yet, feel free to pass this message along to their families.

Looking forward to an incredible trip!
Mrs. Miller & Dr. Grief

P.S. Check out this video to learn what parents & guardians like you thought about their own children's EF tour experiences.

HENRY COUNTY SCHOOLS

FOCUS: ON

CREATING A DISTRACTION-FREE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

FOCUS: ON H



WHY IS HENRY COUNTY SCHOOLS MAKING THIS CHANGE?

Continuing in the 2026-2027 school year, HCS will implement distraction-free learning environments in accordance with Georgia's Distraction-Free Education Act to help students stay focused on learning. Research shows that limiting personal electronic devices during the school day can improve:

- ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
- STUDENT ENGAGEMENT
- CLASSROOM PARTICIPATION
- SOCIAL INTERACTION
- SCHOOL SAFETY & COMMUNICATION

OUR GOAL IS SIMPLE: MORE LEARNING. FEWER DISTRACTIONS.

WHAT DEVICES ARE INCLUDED?

The policy applies to personal electronic devices, including:

- Cell phones
- Smartwatches
- Earbuds/headphones
- Tablets
- Personal laptops
- Devices used for texting, calling, internet access, gaming, recording, or social media.

WHAT ARE STUDENTS EXPECTED TO DO?

During the instructional day, personal electronic devices MUST BE:

- **OFF**
- **OUT OF SIGHT**
- **UNUSED**

Students may use school-issued technology when directed by their teacher.

ARE THERE ANY EXCEPTIONS?

Yes. Students may use a personal device if:

- It is required by an IEP, 504 Plan, or medical accommodation.
- A teacher specifically authorizes its use for instruction.
- School administration approves its use for a special circumstance.

HOW CAN I REACH MY CHILD DURING THE SCHOOL DAY?

If you need to contact your child during school hours:

CALL YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL OFFICE

- School staff will make sure important messages are delivered promptly.
- Likewise, if a student needs to contact a parent or guardian, school staff will assist them.



WHAT HAPPENS IF A STUDENT VIOLATES THE POLICY?

Students who use personal electronic devices during the instructional day may receive consequences consistent with the Henry County Schools Code of Conduct, including:

- Reminder or verbal warning
- Parent/guardian notification
- Device confiscation
- Discipline referral
- Additional disciplinary action when appropriate

HOW FAMILIES CAN HELP

- Talk about the importance of staying focused during class.
- Encourage your child to keep devices put away during school.
- Review the expectations together before the first day of school.
- Contact the school office if you need to communicate during the school day.

TOGETHER WE CAN KEEP THE FOCUS ON LEARNING.

Henry County Schools appreciates the partnership of students, families, and staff as we create classrooms where every student can learn, participate, and succeed.

Impact Academy National Technical Honor Society

JOIN TODAY!

NTHS partners with student organizations and business & industry partners to award nearly $300,000 in scholarships each year.

NTHS advocates for and empowers all students to pursue the skills needed to build their careers and the global workforce. We accomplish this through leadership, career development, service, & recognition opportunities in NTHS chapters across the globe.

If you are interested in finding out additional information concerning this *Honor Society*, please scan the QR Code below.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.
Mrs. Miller
deanna.miller@henry.k12.ga.us