



HHS News

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From the Desk of Mrs. Heide

Dear HHS Families,

Greetings! The new school year is in full swing with academics, athletics, and the arts! I have to say, it's a joy to have the students back at school, filling the halls with chatter! It was certainly a long summer without them here. I love hearing the band students rehearse their songs for the halftime show, especially with the 80's music from back in my time! Student schedules are being finalized, offering students the classes they need and want. Our athletes are finding their way into the Fall Sports Schedule, learning that winning is great, but that losing is always part of the bigger picture of life.

One thing that has helped our student athletes this year is not having to miss core classes when they have to leave school early to attend a game. Though it may be fun to miss a class every once in a while, what's not fun is making up all of the work on your own. This is because we have adopted a slightly different program that has taken the place of ASP (Academic Support Period.) It is now called WIN, or What I Need. There were many reasons for the change, but one main component was wanting to support students early on when academics or behavior showed signs of needing interventions. I have attached a helpful document to describe in more detail exactly what WIN is. It is a brand new program with many opportunities for students. Of course, with any new program, there are logistical barriers that want to impede progress. We are fully aware that glitches may happen but that a positive attitude can strengthen any new program and help us find solutions.

Along with programming changes, I'm so very excited to share the changes in our construction! We have been blessed to have the many new structures, learning spaces, curriculum, materials, etc. for our students this year. The Science Labs/Rooms are almost finished and ready for our teachers and students to move in! It looks like the end of September/beginning of October is our "move in" time! There's a lot of work to be done, but everyone is ready to experience this incredible new learning environment! The Performing Arts Center is projected to be done and ready for business in February. The thought of having a concert or watching a famous Hastings High School Musical in our new space is quite exciting! I know our students are more than ready, as are our teachers and staff. I wanted to thank you for your patience with our upper drop-off and pick-up drive, as well. It has been a long time coming and we are almost there! Students and families have done an outstanding job of making our morning and after school parking situation go very smoothly. Thank you for that! I hope you enjoy the rest of this month and the tranquil feeling that Autumn brings.

Kindly, Teresa Heide



Daily Schedule

- Classes start at 7:45 am.
- School releases at 2:45 pm.
- Front doors open at 7:15 am for students to enter the building.
- Monday through Friday, our Daily Schedule is a traditional six period day with W.I.N. Time (What I Need) at the end of the day, every day of the week. You can view the hourly time schedules for the full day online at www.hassk12.org/hs.

Parking Information

- Due to construction, the circle drive in front of the building will be closed this year. If you are dropping students off, they will need to be dropped off in the lower parking lot. You will notice a one-way flow, which will become the norm.
- Parents will be able to park in the lower student parking lot in the drop off lane and use the new steps to come up the hill and into the new Safe Entrance. There will be a buzzer to the right of the doors that you must push. A secretary will buzz you into the office area.

Upcoming Events

September

- Sept. 17-21 - Homecoming Week! Details below!
- Sept. 21 - Homecoming Parade & Football Game
- Sept. 22 - Homecoming Dance

October

- Oct. 3 - Count Day **Attendance is important!**
- Oct. 6 - Marching Band Invitational
- Oct. 8 - Picture Retakes
- Oct. 10 - 11th Grade PSAT/NMSQT (entire grade)
- Oct. 10 - College Night
- Oct. 12 - Half day of school
- Oct. 25, 29 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Athletics

Sports Schedules

For a list of all games and event dates, view our Sports Schedules online at www.hassk12.org/hs



Sub Sales

The Athletic Boosters Fall Sub Sale is going on now through September 17. Don't miss this opportunity to purchase these delicious subs, croissants, soups, and more! If interested, please contact any Fall athlete or coach, or the Athletic Department.



HOMECOMING WEEK!!!



Seniors 70's • Juniors 50's
Sophomores 20's • Freshmen 80's

Decorating

- **FLOAT** decoration will begin after school between now and the day of the football game. Contact a student council representative for more info, times and locations.
- **HALL** decorating will be Sunday Sept. 16th from 5:00-6:00pm. Ask a student council representative for details on how to join in on the fun!

Spirit Days Themes

- Mon. Sept. 17 - **Country Club vs. Country**
- Tue. Sept. 18 - **Beach Day**
- Wed. Sept. 19 - **Color Day**
Freshmen WHITE / Sophomores GRAY / Juniors BLUE / Seniors BLACK
- Thur. Sept. 20 - **Class Shirt/Theme Day**
- Fri. Sept. 21—**Blue and Gold Day!**

Friday's Festivities Sept. 21

- 1:20pm - School Assembly
- 5:30pm - Parade (starts at Thornapple Plaza)
- 7:00pm - Football Game

Saturday's DANCE Sept. 22

- 8:00pm-11:00pm in the CERC
- Tickets will be sold during lunches starting Mon. Sept. 17 to Thurs. Sept. 20. Cost is \$10 each.

Student Services

FAFSA[®]

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

There will be a financial aid presentation for families of all grade levels on Wednesday, October 3 at 6:00pm in the library. Information regarding the Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be presented. The FAFSA is required to determine what types of scholarships, grants, and loans a student qualifies for to attend college. Parents that attend will be entered into a drawing for a gift card. We hope to see you there!



Mark your calendars! **COLLEGE NIGHT** is coming up Wednesday, October 10, from 6:00-7:30pm at HHS!

Visit with college and university reps to learn about their schools and different programs of study. The military and other education-related organizations will also be represented.

A FAFSA completion workshop will also be held during College Night. Representatives will be on site to assist senior parents with filling out their FAFSA information. Parents that attend will be entered into a drawing for multiple gift cards. This is a great opportunity to complete the FAFSA with assistance from college representatives!

Visit WWW.GOTOCOLLEGEFAIRS.COM to pre-register!

Student Services *continued*

Junior PSAT/NMSQT Exam

Later this month the Junior class will work with Ms. Casado and Mrs. Longstreet on preparing for their October 10 PSAT/NMSQT exam. They will all be shown how to prep in Khan Academy to prepare for the exam.

Senior Post-Secondary Plans

From late September through all of October, Ms. Casado and Mrs. Longstreet will be working with all seniors on their post-secondary plans. Information shared will include creating a resume, career research, school to work opportunities, financial aid, and applying to college or trade school. This is an exciting and sometimes stressful time for our seniors, we are here to help them through!

Clubs and Organizations

There are various clubs and organizations for students to get involved in here at HHS! For more information, please contact the staff advisor listed:

- **Art Society** - Mrs. Gurtowsky
- **Business Professionals of America (BPA)** - Mr. Carl and Mr. Burghardt
- **Drama Club** - Mrs. Schueller
- **Film Club** - Mr. Doran
- **FFA** - Mrs. Mayack
- **First Robotics (FRC)** - Mr. Domke
- **Gay-Straight Alliance** - Ms. Putnam
- **Interact Club** - Mr. Burghardt
- **Impact Team** - Mrs. Beemer
- **Key Club** - Mr. Hayward
- **Math Team** - Mrs. Newberry
- **MITES** - Mr. Domke and Mr. Hoefler
- **National Honor Society** - Mr. Naylor
- **Quiz Bowl** - Mr. Collins
- **Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)** - Mrs. Newberry
- **Science Olympiad** - Mr. Buehler
- **Ski Club** - Mrs. Beemer
- **Student Council** - Mr. Doran
- **Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU)** - Mrs. Newberry
- **Winter Running Club** - Mr. Collins
- **Youth in Government** - Ms. Putnam

Arts at HHS



Fall Play

Audition information for the Fall Play will be coming in mid-October. Stay tuned for more details!

Band

The Marching Band Invitational will be Saturday, October 6, 2018 at Hastings High School's Johnson Field (stadium). Come out to cheer on your Saxon Marching Band! For more information, visit <https://www.michiganmarching.com/contest/hastings-2018>

Spring Musical 2019

The upcoming Spring Musical will be *Beauty and the Beast!* Audition information will be released in October, with Auditions to follow in November/December.



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Staff Highlights



The Student Services Department would like to introduce, **Ms. Casado**, our College Adviser for this year. Ms. Casado will be working with Mrs. Longstreet throughout the year, assisting all students with their post-secondary plans.



Please welcome **Mr. Hayward**, Math Teacher and Key Club Advisor for this year. He is a graduate of Central Michigan University, and comes to us with experience teaching high school Algebra II and Geometry.



Meet **Mr. Smith**, Assistant Principal at HHS. He is a graduate from University of Michigan-Flint, with experience as an ELA Teacher, Department Head, and also interned with his prior district's Superintendent.

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