



July 2021

Dates to Remember:

August 6	Incoming Freshmen Class of 2025 Kickoff
August 10	Teacher Institute Day – No Classes
	Fall Meet the Team Night Main Gym, 7:00 p.m.
August 11	Teacher Institute Day – No Classes
August 12	Opening Day of School
August 21	Fall Athletic Pictures Main Gym, 8:00 a.m.
August 24	Student Late Start – 8:50 a.m.
August 25	College Advising for Parents of Seniors 6:30 p.m.
August 28	SAT Test @HEHS
September 2	Early Dismissal – 11:50 a.m.
	Parent Open House 7:00 p.m.
September 3	Blood Drive 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
September 6	Labor Day – No School
September 7	Student Late Start – 8:50 a.m.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL: MIKE ALTHER**From The Principal**

Summer break gives us the opportunity to reflect, renew and refresh. It is my sincere hope that you have had the opportunity to reengage and connect with your family, friends and return to the activities that you find valuable. The past year was unlike any before it and, while not ideal, this past year did reveal takeaways we can all be proud of. Key takeaways include the resiliency of our learning community, the innovation of our learning community and the compassion of the HEHS learning community. The start of the 2021-2022 school year brings a fresh start and an opportunity to act upon these takeaways and to put into practice what we have reflected upon and learned.

The HEHS staff is excited to begin the school year which follow our traditional bell schedule and we look forward to creating positive experiences for all Hoffman Estates High School students. As a staff, we will start this year with these areas of focus:

Building a culture and climate of student connection and involvement

Supporting student social-emotional wellness

Increasing student academic growth

Ensuring college/career readiness for all students

We also know that both you and your student will start the school year with specific goals in mind. We encourage you to take the time over the next few weeks to have a discussion with your student about their goals for the 2021-2022 school year.

Our partnership and collaboration are necessary to reach our collective goals. We believe that parent involvement is instrumental in student success and we desire to communicate and connect with you on a regular basis. Educational research indicates several factors that can positively impact your student's school experience. One of those factors is parent involvement, and this is particularly true for high school students. We will work diligently to reach out to you in multiple formats, but also want to share with you some tips on how to stay involved in your student's high school experience.

Tip #1: Make time to talk about school. Make it a goal to check in daily with your student regarding school. Communicate with your student the importance of regular school attendance. There may be many reasons (beyond illness) a student may not want to attend school on a given day. Talk with your student and access the resources here at HEHS to help support regular school attendance. Also, support the expectations of homework, project and assessment completion. Encourage your student to seek support, help or guidance from a teacher or guidance counselor if they need academic or social-emotional support.

Tip #2: Communicate with our teachers, counselors, coaches, and sponsors. All HEHS staff members have email addresses and individual voicemail accounts. We encourage you to email or call our staff to discuss any and all aspects of your student's high school experience. A full staff listing, including email addresses and voicemail numbers, can be found at this link: <https://adc.d211.org/domain/205>.

Tip #3: Stay updated with current attendance and grade information through our student information system called Infinite Campus. The link to login to your parent account can be found on our school website or accessed directly through this link: <https://campus.d211.org/campus/portal/township.jsp>. You can also download an Infinite Campus app on your phone (I highly recommend this). This app will provide you with an even easier way to receive grade and attendance updates.

Tip #4: Teachers at Hoffman Estates High School utilize Schoology as an online Learning Management System. This is used as a "one stop shop" for course information, assignments, and other course resources for their individual courses. It is recommended that you create a parent account to stay up to date with assignments being posted for your student's classes. *Once your student's teacher has established their course, you will be able to "join" as a parent using the teacher assigned access code.

Tip #5: Attend as many school events as you can! Your presence at an athletic event, music concert, theatre production, or parent meeting demonstrates your support of your student's high school experience. You also have the opportunity to show your support to other students, other parents, and our staff. We love seeing you at our events! Hoffman Estates High School also uses its website ([HEHS Website](http://HEHS_Website)), social media ([Twitter](https://twitter.com) and [Facebook](https://facebook.com)) and phone messaging to communicate a variety of information regarding events, celebrations, calendar changes and other pertinent information you need.

When you receive this newsletter, we will have approximately three weeks left of summer. The first day of school is Thursday, August 12th. As we all anxiously anticipate the start of school, one thing is very clear -- we miss our students and cannot wait to connect with the Class of 2025 and reconnect with all of our current HAWKS!

Sincerely,

Mike Alther
Principal

If you require assistance while visiting our school, please contact the principal's office at (847) 755-5600.

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September 9 Young Hearts 4 Life
7:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

September 10-11 Talent Show
7:00 p.m.

September 11 ACT Testing
HEHS, 8:00 a.m.

ATHLETIC UPDATES:

Fall Athletic Reminder: Any student-athlete interested in trying out for a fall athletic team must register online on the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#) and have a current physical filed with the nurses' office by Friday, August 6th.

MEET THE TEAM/CHEMICAL AWARENESS NIGHT

Township High School District 211 mandates that all student-athletes and parents attend a "Meet the Team/Chemical Awareness Night." The fall Meet the Team/Chemical Awareness Night will be on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, in the main gym at 7:00 pm. The evening will begin with a presentation regarding expectations, rules, regulations, and procedures. Following the presentation in the main gym, each athletic team will meet with the fall head coach who will outline and highlight their individual program and address questions. Please understand that attendance at the Meet the Team/Chemical Awareness Night is *mandatory* for parents and student-athletes and is vital to the athletic program's success. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mr. Steve Lacni, Athletic Director, at 847-755-5770.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS...	
First Day of School Thursday, August 12 th	IHSA Fall Sports Begin Monday, August 9 th
Parent Open House Thursday, September 2 nd	Student Late Start Tuesday, August 24 th Tuesday, September 7 th Tuesday, September 21 st

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND EVENTS...

<p style="text-align: center;">Student Registration 2021-2022</p> <p>Please register your student for this school year using the Infinite Campus Portal (through Sunday, August 8th)</p> <p>We encourage families to complete registration online; for those families that must come into the building, we have the following walk-in registration dates: Monday, July 26th through Friday, July 30th.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">IHSA Fall Sports</p> <p>All students must register to compete on our athletic teams. Parents are encouraged to register students for fall sports using the Infinite Campus Portal by Friday, August 6th. (click on extracurricular registration)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Freshman iPad Pickup</p> <p>We have already delivered over 300 iPads to the class of 2025. If you still need to pick up your student iPad please contact the HEHS Help Desk: 847.755.5761 or HEHSHelpdesk@d211.org</p> <p>Once connected to our Help Desk, they will work with you to arrange for your iPad pick-up.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Class of 2025 Kick-off</p> <p>We highly recommend that all incoming freshman attend Kick-Off 2021. This event will be held the morning of Friday, August 6th. Registration information will be mailed soon.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Self-Guided Walkthrough</p> <p>The building will be open to any students wishing to walk their schedule and get acquainted or re-acquainted with the building layout, locate lockers and/or identify other key locations like the gym, cafeteria, media center and auditorium.</p> <p>The building will be available on August 3, 4 and 5 during normal building hours 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. You must register for a 20-minute Self-Guided Walkthrough time using this SignUp Genius link.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Guided Building Tours</p> <p>There will be an opportunity for any sophomore, junior, senior or transfer student to sign up and attend a guided building tour. Your guide will be able to answer questions you may have as well. Please use this SignUp Genius link to register for a guided building tour on the afternoon of August 6th.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Principal's Advisory Board</p> <p>This is an opportunity to meet directly with the Principal on a quarterly basis. We host collaborative discussions regarding HEHS initiatives and programs. This is also an opportunity to have a voice in the decision-making processes that shape the future of HEHS (The first meeting of the 2021-2022 school year is Tuesday, September 14th, 2021; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">College Advising & Financial Aid Night</p> <p>Parents of senior students are encouraged to attend the College Advising & Financial Aid Night on Wednesday, August 25th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.</p>



Principal's SPOTLIGHT

School Safety & Security

Our highest priority in District 211 is to provide a safe, secure learning environment for your student. We have developed a comprehensive security plan at Hoffman Estates High School that includes an array of established safety measures. We utilize an emergency management cycle as a framework for prevention, preparation, response, and recovery measures in the event of an emergency incident. While each component of this plan is essential, the most effective preventative measure resides in our people. Students, parents, and staff members are often the first people to have access to critical information about school safety, including concerning statements, actions or threatening communications. We rely on our entire school community to communicate information directly to our administrative team. It is critically important to us that you report any troubling comment, action, or exchange related to our school to us immediately. We have a variety of ways for you to report concerns to us. Please review the information below to learn more about our safety measures.

How to Report a Concern

Students, parents, and staff members can report any concern directly to a school administrator in person, by email or through a phone call. You can also anonymously report a concern by utilizing the 'Safety Concern' link on our school website. Our staff members actively monitor these submissions, and we investigate each report thoroughly. Each student's District 211 issued iPad also have a quick link 'app' that they can utilize to report safety concerns.

Our Response to Reported Concerns

When we receive a safety concern report through our website, we immediately activate teams of staff members to investigate and respond to issues. At Hoffman Estates High School, we have teams of administrators, counselors, social workers, and psychologists who are able to identify and respond to an array of concerning situations. We are also fortunate to have the immediate assistance of our school resource officer and the entire Hoffman Estates Police Department if necessary. Finally, we also work in partnership with many local agencies, including hospitals, crisis workers, and therapists to ensure that student and families have access to mental health experts that can provide continued assistance.

As mentioned above, the most effective preventative measures of school safety and security resides in our people. We are fortunate to have a School Resource Officer (SRO) present on our campus at all times during the school day. In addition to the school day, our officer is present at many of our large after-school events and athletic contests. You may also notice police cars or uniformed police officers on our school grounds or in our school at different times during the school day. Please do not be alarmed by their presence, as we work closely with the Hoffman Estates Police Department to ensure that every officer is familiar with our school building, school procedures, and day-to-day processes. We are grateful for their support and collaboration to ensure the safety and security of our students and staff.

August 23rd to August 27th has been deemed "Safety Week." During this week, students and staff will be informed of our safety procedures and practice our safety protocols which include fire evacuation, shelter in place (severe weather) and lockdowns.

We want you to know that we are committed to ensure that each school day is safe for our students and staff members. We also want to reiterate our reliance on you, parents and students, to report any potential concerns immediately to a school administrator. Our collaboration and connection makes a difference and is essential in maintaining a safe school.

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