



November 2021

**IMPORTANT
EVENTS****November 4**

Latino Parent Meeting
Career/College Fair
HEHS Media Center, 6:00 p.m.

November 5

Early Dismissal – 11:50 a.m.
IHSA Boys State Soccer Tournament

November 6

IHSA Boys State Soccer Tournament

November 9

Student Late Start – 8:50 a.m.

November 12

Blood Drive
HEHS, 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Fall Play
Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

November 13

Winter Athletic Pictures #1
Main Gym, 8:00 a.m.

Fall Play
Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

November 15

Winter Meet the Team Night
Main Gym, 7:00 p.m.

November 16

Parent/Principal Chat
Scheduling and College Planning
Media Center, 6:30 p.m.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL: MIKE ALTHUR**Scheduling Information for 2022-2023**

Even though we are only three months into our 2021-2022 school year, we have already begun to plan for next year. All students will meet with their counselors during the months of November and December to discuss course selections for the 2022-2023 school year. This is a very important process, and we want you to understand and be prepared to support your student as they make decisions about their future.

One of the most important considerations that we account for is that course selections fulfill our District 211 graduation requirements. We also believe that students planning to pursue collegiate or immediate career plans ensure that the courses that they select prepare them for their preferred option. Finally, we highly recommend that students enroll in at least one Advanced Placement (AP) or Dual Credit (DC) course during their junior and senior year.

Parents play a key role in this process. We recommend that you discuss the course selection process with your son or daughter and encourage him or her to give careful thought to their course selection. We have a number of resources for both students and parents to help guide your conversations:

- [District 211 Graduation Requirements](#)
- [District 211 College Majors & Career Clusters](#) (Career Pathways)
- [District 211 College Planning Guide](#)
- [District 211 Curriculum Guide](#)

Please encourage your student to consult with their teachers and counselor if they have questions. Your son or daughter will be meeting individually with his or

her counselor to choose their courses. Current sophomores and juniors will meet with their counselors in December, while freshman will meet with their counselors in early January 2022. During this time, the counselor will review the graduation requirements, share any teacher recommendations, and collaborate with your student to finalize their course selection.

Initial student course selections will be emailed to parents on January 26th, 2022. This is an opportunity for you to review the courses that your son or daughter has selected and to make any final changes to their selections for the 2022-2023 school year. If you wish to request a change in your student's course selection, please submit your request in writing to your student's counselor. The deadline to make changes to your student's course selection is Friday, February 4th, 2022; after this date, no other schedule changes may be made until the summer 2022 via counselor appointment and space will be limited.

If at any time you have questions regarding the course selection process, please contact your son or daughter's counselor at (847)-755-5630.

Sincerely,

Mike Althur
Principal



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

November 17

National Honor Society Induction
Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

November 18

Cap and Gown Measurement Day

November 22

Winter Athletic Pictures #2
Main Gym, 3:00 p.m.

November 24-26

Non-Attendance Day – No School

November 30

Winter Orchestra Concert
Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

December 2

Winter Band Concert
Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Latino Parent Meeting

Emotional Wellness
HEHS Media Center, 6:00 p.m.

December 4

SAT Testing
HEHS, 8:00 a.m.

December 7

Student Late Start – 8:50 a.m.

December 8

Incoming Freshman Night
HEHS, 6:00 p.m.

December 10

Madrigal Dinner
Cafeteria, 8:00 p.m.

December 11

Madrigal Dinner
Cafeteria, 6:00 p.m.

December 15

Winter Choral Concert
Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

December 17

Delightful December Drive-Through
HEHS, 5:00 p.m.

December 20

Final Exams
Blocks 1A, 2A, 3A
Early Dismissal – 12:20 p.m.

Athletic Updates:
Winter Athletic Reminder

Any student-athlete interested in trying out for a winter athletic team must be registered online through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal under “Extracurricular Registration” by the tryout date of your winter sport, and have a current physical filed with the nurse’s office before your sport begins. To register, please access the Infinite Campus Parent Portal at <https://campus.d211.org/campus/portal/township.jsp>. Please see the athletic website for start dates of winter sports: <http://www.hoffmanestates.portal.rschooldtoday.com/>.

Community Connections:
Hawks’ Nest

The Hawks’ Nest is a resource available to Hoffman students and families that are in need. The Hawks’ Nest has received donations of food, hygiene products, household products, clothing, as well as monetary donations and school related supplies. The Hawks’ Nest also serves as a food pantry, and families in need are welcome to access the food pantry at Hoffman Estates High School. All referrals remain confidential. For more information or to donate, please contact Jennifer Nieft, Andres Acosta, or Maggie King, Social Workers, in the Student Services Department at (847) 755-5630.

Fall Play
Harvey

Please join us for this year’s fall play. *Harvey*, a Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy by Mary Chase, is the story of a perfect gentleman, Elwood P. Dowd, and his best friend, Harvey -- a pooka, who is a six-foot tall, invisible rabbit.

When Elwood begins introducing Harvey around town, his embarrassed sister, Veta Louise, and her daughter, Myrtle Mae, determine to commit Elwood to a sanitarium. A mistake is made, however, and Veta is committed rather than Elwood! Eventually, the mistake is realized, and a frantic search begins for Elwood and the invisible pooka, which ends with Elwood appearing, voluntarily, at the sanitarium.

In the end, however, Veta realizes that she loves her brother and his invisible best friend just as they are, and doesn’t want either of them to change.

Tickets:

Harvey will be performed Thursday, November 11th at 3:00 p.m., Friday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, November 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. Tickets are \$7.00, with freshmen invited for free. Please contact Denise Gilbert at 847-755-5716 with any questions.

Support Student Involvement

Over 50 students from all grades are participating in this show by acting on stage and in the crews of Set Design, Sound, Lighting, Props, Costumes, and Make Up. The show is directed by Denise Gilbert, assistant directed by Juan Medina and Jason Stevens, and student directed by Dominic Luzwick.

Semester Exam Schedule

Monday, December 20 th	Tuesday, December 21 st	Wednesday, December 22 nd
1A Exam 7:30 am - 9:00 am 2A Exam 9:10 am - 10:40 am 3A Exam 10:50 am - 12:20 pm	1B Exam 7:30 am - 9:00 am 2B Exam 9:10 am - 10:40 am 3B Exam 10:50 am - 12:20 pm	4A Exam 7:30 am - 9:00 am 4B Exam 9:10 am - 10:40 am

*Winter Vacation begins at the close of school on Wednesday, December 22nd.
School resumes on Tuesday, January 11th, 2022.*

December 21Final Exams
Blocks 1B, 2B, 3B

Early Dismissal – 12:20 p.m.

December 22Final Exams
Blocks 4A, 4B

Early Dismissal – 10:40 a.m.

December 23 - January 7Winter Vacation – *NO SCHOOL***January 10**

Teacher Institute Day – No Classes

January 11First Day of Classes – Second
Semester**The Power of 15**

During the month of December, your son or daughter will take part in the course scheduling process for the 2022-2023 school year. I want to encourage you to speak with your son or daughter about this process, their individual interests, and their desired courses for next year.

I strongly recommend that students consider taking an Advanced Placement (AP) or Dual-Credit (DC) course during their sophomore, junior, and senior years. There is a concept known as the ‘Power of 15’ and this refers to our effort to have every student enroll in and earn 15 college credit hours (typically 5 high school courses) during their four-year high school career. Our AP and DC courses give students the opportunity to earn these 15 hours of college credit in a safe, supportive environment to experience college-level coursework and academic rigor.

Hoffman Estates High School currently offers over 30 different AP courses across multiple departments and levels. We also offer 30 DC courses in collaboration with Harper College, the University of Illinois, and several other colleges and universities. The full list of these courses can be found below.

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES
OFFERED AT HEHS**

AP Art History	AP Music Theory
AP Studio Art (2D)	AP Studio Art (3D)
AP Studio Art (Drawing)	AP English Language & Composition
AP English Literature & Composition	AP Statistics
AP European History	AP Human Geography
AP Macroeconomics	
AP Psychology	AP US Government & Politics
AP Computer Science A	AP Computer Science Principles
AP Biology	AP Calculus BC
AP Calculus AB	AP Chemistry
AP US History	AP World History
AP Environmental Science	AP Physics 1
AP Physics 2	AP Physics C
AP Seminar	AP Research
AP French Language & Culture	AP German Language & Culture
AP Spanish Language & Culture	AP Spanish Literature & Culture

**DUAL-CREDIT COURSES
OFFERED AT HEHS**

Art in Contemporary Society	
Biology 2	Anatomy & Physiology
Electronics Technology I	
Technology Apps	
Accounting I Financial	QuickBooks
College Composition	
Culinary Arts/Foods IS	Japanese
Fashion Construction IS 2	Design IS 2
PLTW Digital Electronics	
Advanced ECE IS 2	
Spanish 4	
Automotive Tech 2	
Advanced Algebra 2 / Pre-Calculus	
Quantitative Literacy	
Health Career Exploration & Medical Terminology	
Multi-Variable Calculus	
Advanced Topics in Spanish	
Nursing Assistant Training	
Fundamentals of Speech	
Business Management	
Business Incubator	
Education Internship	
Calculus for Business and Social Sciences	
Independent Study Math	
Spanish for Heritage Speakers	
Building Construction	

Principal's SPOTLIGHT

Harper College Promise Scholarship

The [Harper College Promise Scholarship](#) provides Hoffman Estates High School students the opportunity to earn up to two years of tuition-free coursework at Harper College upon high school graduation. Applications for the Promise Scholarship program are accepted during the first semester of a student's freshman year of high school and eligibility requirements become effective during the second semester of freshman year. Most HEHS freshman were enrolled in this program during school registration at the beginning of this year. Please review the eligibility requirements to maintain participation in the program through all four years of high school. A summary of these requirements can be found below:

Freshman Year (2nd Semester):

Attendance ¹	Rigor/Quality ²	Persistence ³	Community Service ⁴
Have 5 or less absences (excused or unexcused)	Maintain a 2.0 or higher GPA	Earn a minimum of 4 credits	Complete 5 hours of community service prior to July 2022

Sophomore Year:

Attendance ¹	Rigor/Quality ²	Persistence ³	Community Service ⁴
Have 9 or less absences (excused or unexcused)	Maintain a 2.25 or higher GPA	Earn a minimum of 8 credits	Complete 10 hours of community service prior to July 2022

Junior Year:

Attendance ¹	Rigor/Quality ²	Persistence ³	Community Service ⁴
Have 8 or less absences (excused or unexcused)	Maintain a 2.25 or higher GPA and earn no Ds or Fs	Earn a minimum of 12 credits	Complete 15 hours of community service prior to July 2022

Senior Year:

Attendance ¹	Rigor/Quality ²	Persistence ³	Community Service ⁴
Have 7 or less absences (excused or unexcused)	Maintain a 2.3 or higher GPA and earn no Ds or Fs	Earn a minimum of 20 credits	Complete 20 hours of community service prior to graduation

The information in this newsletter related to Harper's Promise is a summary and is only intended to give you an overview of the program. Please familiarize yourself with specific details, requirements, and deadlines at one of the following websites: <https://adc.d211.org/parentsstudents-2/scholarships/harper-college-promise-scholarship-program/> or <http://goforward.harpercollege.edu/about/promise/index.php>.

1. Absences count whether they are excused or unexcused. In addition, every three incidents of tardiness to block 1 counts as a day of absence for the purposes of this program.
2. Students must maintain the minimum annual unweighted GPA each year of high school. In addition, students must graduate high school "college ready."
3. Students must graduate on time with their class without requiring summer school after graduation.
4. Completed community service hours must be reported using the District 211 Student Readiness Plan. All hours must be entered prior to the deadline (last day of summer school at 3:00 p.m.).

Attention Freshman Parents

Harper College Promise Scholarship Applications are due December 15th, 2021

Most students were enrolled during school registration; however, parents are encouraged to double-check their Infinite Campus Parent Portal for confirmation that your application is complete.