



April 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

14	ELS Prom Moretti's Banquets, 6:00 p.m.
15	Non-Attendance Day (No School)
19	Student Late Start 8:50 a.m.
21	Cap & Gown Distribution Day
26	The Future Begins Today – Special Education Resource Night Palatine High School 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
28-30	Spring Play – Six Stories Tall Auditorium 3:00 p.m. on April 28 and 7:00 p.m. on April 29 & 30

MAY

2-13	Advanced Placement Exams
5	Orchestra Concert Cafeteria, 7:30 p.m. Latino Parent Meeting Media Center, 6:00 p.m.
6	Jazz Festival Media Center, 7:30 p.m.
10	Academic Scholar Reception HEHS Media Center, 6:00 p.m. Honors Convocation Gymnasium, 7:00 p.m.
11	Thespian Honors Society Induction Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
12	Spring Band Concert Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Now that spring is here, it is time to anticipate the end of the school year and summer. Typically, the end of school year brings excitement and closure for most. We look forward to celebrating a year's worth of accomplishment and the Class of 2022. However, closure is not always met with excitement and enthusiasm as change can be challenging. Please make an opportunity to check in with your student(s) as the school year winds down and summer plans ramp up. If you or your student are in need of assistance, please refer to your student's school counselor. School counselors can be contacted through our Student Services Department at 847.755.5630.

Conversation is the key...

As parents and educators, the excitement of the end of the school year and all of its celebrations, events, and the anticipation of summer break provides the opportunity for amazing experiences that our students will hold for the rest of their lives. We want these end of year experiences for all students and do not want poor decision making to negatively impact these events. As an example, we know that dances and end of the year celebrations may tempt students to pair these events with alcohol and drugs. According to the Illinois Liquor Control Commission, "...by senior year in high school, nearly 66% say they have started drinking. Add in prom night, when 87% of kids say they will drink on that evening, ...and headed for the inevitable (but avoidable) tragedies of car accidents, risky behavior, poor decision-making, health implications, and trouble with school, parents and the law." Source: [Illinois Liquor Control Commission: Parent Responsibility: About.](#)

Given the statistics shared, our gut reaction may be to fear the worst and place restrictions on our students based on these fears. Prior to this course of action, an opportunity to have a conversation with your student(s) exists. There are real benefits to gain from frequent conversations with your student(s) which may include building a trusting and open relationship with your student(s). For more guidance on how to talk to your children about underage drinking, go to: [Illinois Liquor Control Commission: Parent Responsibility: Talk-To-Your-Kids.](#)

It is important to have these conversations to help keep your teen safe and healthy during this time when peer pressures and temptations may overwhelm the lessons you have taught them.

- **Reinforce your expectations.**
Throughout their high school years, you've set rules and established the consequences for breaking them. It is important to maintain such consistency in the weeks prior to summer break or graduation.
- **Encourage your teens to make each moment count.**
If you have a graduating senior, let them know you don't want them to miss out on senior events because of bad choices, like drinking, drug use, or a "senior prank." One bad choice could change their lives forever, or at minimum result in their restriction from participating in culminating events.
- **Provide safe alternatives.**
Parties are frequent toward the end of the year, especially for seniors. Plan chaperoned alcohol-free parties around prom and graduation. I highly recommend that students participate in the sponsored and chaperoned Post-Prom event, organized by Hoffman Estates Loyal Parents (H.E.L.P.).

Summer

While summer is a time for relaxation and recreation, many of our students are quite active



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

13	Early Dismissal 11:50 a.m.
	IHSA Boys State Gymnastics HEHS, 3:00 p.m.
14	IHSA Boys State Gymnastics HEHS, 8:00 a.m.
17	Spring Choral Showcase Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
18	Senior Carnival HEHS, 12:30 p.m.
	Spring Athletic Pictures Main Gym, 3:00 p.m.
	D211 Incubator Pitch Night HEHS Auditorium, 6:00 p.m.
20	Graduation Ceremony NOW Arena, 7:30 p.m.
21	Prom Chicago Northwest Marriott, 7:00 p.m.
24	ATP's Got Talent Auditorium, 6:00 p.m.
25	Final Exams – Blocks 1A, 2A, 3A Dismissal – 12:20 p.m.
26	Final Exams – Blocks 1B, 2B, 3B Dismissal – 12:20 p.m.
27	Final Exams – Blocks 4A, 4B Dismissal – 10:40 a.m.
	Last Day of School
30	Memorial Day
JUNE	
3	IHSA Boys State Volleyball HEHS, 12:00 p.m.
4	IHSA Boys State Volleyball HEHS, 8:00 a.m.
6	1st Semester Summer School Begins



academically through summer school and athletically through summer camps. The summer is a great time to explore additional learning opportunities or visit college campuses.

Decades of research show that when teens simply let their brains go on vacation for the summer, their achievement slips. The summer can be used to catch up, to get additional tutoring, or attend summer school. The District provides many opportunities for classes and camps during the summer. For more information on our summer programming please use the following links:

Summer School – [Academic Listings](#)
Summer School – [Activity and Athletic Listings](#)

Parents and teachers provide a powerful influence on students, especially when their message is consistent. I look forward to celebrating a safe and happy ending to the 2021-2022 school year!

Sincerely,

Michael Alther
Principal

HIGHLIGHTS: ACADEMIC SCHOLARS

Students with a regular grade point average of 3.90 and a weighted grade point average 4.70 will be honored as “Academic Scholars”. Congratulations to the following students for exemplary academic achievement during their four years of high school. Their cumulative grade point averages rank them as the top students of their graduating classes after seven semesters. These scholars are:

Rayhan Akthar, Ataera Alam, Madinabonu Ashurova, Tuba Azhar, Staphanie Baranov, Dzenan Begic, Piper Bourseau, Kinjal Chaudhari, Shannen Cruz, Francine Davis, Raegan Davis, Brandon Eisen, Diantha Gonzales, Somer Hatyina, Anand Krishnan, Edernee Leger, Joshua Lim, Mia Marrese, Olivia Marrese, Sae Minobe, Arantza De Los Angeles Mora Ibarra, Sarahid Del Los Angeles Mora Ibarra, Caden Nakai, Ashley Oliver, Niko Otsuka, Armaan Patel, Meera Patel, Riya Patel, Syed Ali Quadri, Manaschandra Ramineni, Anushree Raol, Sourya Sappa, Paige Schneider, Isha Shah, Shikha Shah, Preetpaul Singh, Nikki Thakkar, Trinity Tokarz, Haley Walczak, Elyssa Wuerffel, Aysegul Yilmaz, Aiman Zainab

SHARK TANK IS COMING @D211 PITCH NIGHT!

Concluding our 7th year of the Business Incubator program, the top five business incubator teams across District 211 will present their business start-up model to a real investment panel for a chance to win seed money to launch a real business.

Students enrolled in B697 Business Incubator have worked all year to develop and market test a real business idea using the lean startup methodology. They have worked not only with their classroom teacher, but have had *unprecedented* support from community content experts and mentors. In 2019, Hoffman's very own, Sparad Cases, walked away with \$10,000 in seed money, and in 2021, Time Beverages was funded \$5,000! Time Beverages' CEO, Ololade Odutola, is currently in Year 2 of the program and operating her business.

So which Hoffman team will be the next to win real funding? Come see our dynamic teams across the district bring their ideas to fruition at our D211 Pitch Night. Please join us on **Wednesday, May 18, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Hoffman Estates High School Auditorium. All students, parents, and community members are welcome. Please contact Kerri Largo at klargo@d211.org if you have any questions or if you are interested in volunteering as a mentor or coach for Hoffman's Business Incubator program.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

BUILDING SECURITY AND LUNCH DELIVERIES

Our first priority is to keep our school campus safe and we have many safety measures in place for ensuring the safety of our students, staff, and visitors. At the start of the 2019-2020 school year, we began enforcing a safety measure that does not allow for food deliveries to students during the school day.

This includes DoorDash, Uber Eats, GrubHub or any other service that brings visitors to our building to have direct contact with our students and who we are unable to verify per our safety protocols for visitors accessing the building.

Please help us support this safety measure and inform your student that food delivery to school is not an option. Every student may receive a free breakfast or lunch prepared by our Cafeteria Staff each day. If a parent would like to bring food to their student, they would need to check-in at the Main Entrance (Door 1) and leave the food for their student to pick up.

If there are any questions regarding this safety measure, please feel free to contact Mr. Alther, Mr. Mocon, or Mr. Onayemi (847.755.5600).

BRIDGING THE GAP

Incoming freshmen students who will attend Hoffman Estates High School in the fall will have the opportunity to participate in our annual orientation program called "Bridging the Gap." Participants come to Hoffman Estates High School for one afternoon in April or May. Students take a tour, listen to current HEHS students speak about clubs, sports, and other Hoffman programs. Students will learn about the academic demands associated with being a freshman in high school from current hawks. Registration for this program occurs at the junior highs.

SENIOR EXEMPTIONS

Senior 2nd Semester Final Exam Exemption

With final exams back this school year, District 211 will again allow graduating seniors to exempt from their second semester final exams if they meet the following criteria:

- have at least a "C" average in the course
- have less than six absences from the class
- have no truancies from the class
- have not been suspended from the class
- are not incomplete on required assignments

Seniors not qualifying for the exemption will be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies but will not receive a diploma on that day. Senior finals will be administered concurrently with all other scheduled final exams on May 25, 26 and 27. Diplomas will be given to students required to take final exams following the processing of final grades.

SUMMER SCHOOL

As you make your plans for summer, please keep in mind the following summer school dates:

First Semester: June 6th thru June 28th

Second Semester: June 29th thru July 21st

(No classes will be held on Fridays, June 20th and July 4th)

Cost:

Tuition - \$140.00 per semester

Transportation - \$35.00 per semester

Non-credit Athletic/Activity Summer Camps - \$75.00 per session

Driver Education - \$400.00 for the five-week course with behind the wheel training; \$70.00 for classroom only.

Please note that driver education runs from June 6 through July 14 (one week shorter than regular summer school; 22 total days).

Key dates for driver education:

- April 25, 2022 - First day students can go to Student Services to get a permit application
- May 6, 2022 - First day students can return to Student Services with a valid permit and request a seat for the course.

After the seat request is processed, parents must pay for the course prior to the section being assigned. As seats are limited in each time slot, students will be able to rank the order of their preferred time slot and location when turning in their valid permit. Because of irregular schedules, students may not be able to benefit from bus service.

How to Register:

Registration for all current HEHS freshmen, sophomores, and juniors began on Monday, April 4, 2022. Students should see their counselor during a free block or lunch as soon as possible to ensure enrollment. Students are encouraged to register early to get the courses and time slots they want. If a student pre-registered for summer school with his or her counselor, parents may register and make payment online via the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Students registering in person should be sure to bring payment and emergency information with them when meeting with their counselor.

Summer school registration for incoming freshmen (class of 2026) will begin on Monday, April 18, 2022.

Registration for first semester summer school will close at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 3rd. Please note that the building will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2022. Registration for second semester summer school will close at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28th.

INCOMING FRESHMEN ACADEMY & SOPHOMORE SUMMER ACADEMY

The Incoming Freshmen Academy (IFA) and the Sophomore Academy (SA) have been scheduled during the regular summer school session. The goal of these academies is to accelerate students' learning in reading and mathematics in order to meet state standards. Eligible students will be **required** to attend either a three or six-week session for 5 hours and 15 minutes per day with no classes on Fridays. There is no enrollment fee or transportation fee for these programs; however, students must still complete the registration process to confirm their enrollment. Upon successful completion, students will earn either one half or one elective credit applicable toward graduation and may also advance their curricular levels.

SUMMER ORIENTATION

The Student Services Department provides an opportunity during the summer for incoming freshmen and their parents to meet with members of the Student Services Department to learn more about programs and services at Hoffman Estates High School. The new student orientation includes a review of the student's academic schedule for the fall and a tour of the building. Additional information about this program will be mailed home to incoming freshmen.

SAT INFORMATION

The Illinois State Board of Education's required high school level assessment, The College Board Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT), was administered to all eligible grade 11 students throughout Illinois on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. In addition to serving as Illinois' grade 11 assessment, the SAT is an entrance exam used by many colleges and universities. Students can choose take an additional SAT on a national test date to improve test scores. This option may be discussed with your child's school counselor to determine the benefits of additional testing and to receive information about national SAT tests the dates and costs. You can find detailed information about the SAT online at <http://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>.

Fees charged by College Board for testing on national test dates are the responsibility of the individual students and/or parents. Fee waivers are available for qualifying students through the Student Services Department.