



November 2017

Dates to Remember:

November 9-11	Fall Play – Radium Girls Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
November 11	Winter Athletic Pictures #1 Main Gym, 8:00 a.m.
November 13	Winter Meet the Team Night Main Gym, 7:00 p.m.
November 14	Vocal Recital, Auditorium, 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
November 15	Cap & Gown Measurement Day HEHS Room 235 National Honor Society Induction Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
November 18	Forensics Team Varsity Tournament HEHS, 8:00 a.m.
November 22 – 24	Non-Attendance Day – No School
November 28	AP Parent Information Night HEHS, 7:00 p.m.
November 29	Winter Athletic Pictures #2 Main Gym, 3:00 p.m.
November 30	Winter Orchestra Concert Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
December 7	Latino Parents Meeting Willow Creek Care Center, 5:30 p.m.
December 8	Madrigal Dinner, Cafeteria, 8:00 p.m.
December 9	Madrigal Dinner Cafeteria, 6:00 p.m.
December 12	Incoming Freshman Student/Parent Night Main Gym, 6:00 p.m.
December 14	Young Hearts for Life Cardiac Screening HEHS, 7:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. Traditional Holiday Concert Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
December 18	Prism Concert Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
December 20	Final Exams, Blocks 1A, 2A, 3A Early Dismissal – 12:20 p.m.
December 21	Final Exams, Blocks 1B, 2B, 3B Early Dismissal – 12:20 p.m.
December 22	Final Exams, Blocks 4A, 4B Early Dismissal – 10:40 a.m.
December 25-Jan 5	Winter Vacation – NO SCHOOL
January 8	Teacher Institute Day – No Classes
January 9	First Day of Classes – Second Semester

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



FROM THE PRINCIPAL: JOSH SCHUMACHER

SCHEDULING INFORMATION FOR 2018-2019

All students will meet with their counselors during the month of December to discuss course selection for the 2018-2019 school year. This is a very important process for two reasons. First, the courses that your son or daughter selects will need to be consistent with his or her post-high school plans. Students planning to pursue higher education will want to make sure that the courses they select will prepare them academically for entrance into college or vocational schools. Additionally, the courses that students select must satisfy the D211 high school graduation requirements. Course selection information and graduation requirements have been communicated by HEHS counselors in group settings. For your reference, all course selection sheets are available online at www.hehs.d211.org. Secondly, students' course selections will determine what courses and how many sections of each course will be available for the 2018-2019 school year. Once enrollment numbers have been identified, staff is hired and course offerings are finalized. After that point, students' requests for changes will be limited by seat availability.

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. Please encourage your son or daughter to consult with their teachers and counselor if they have any questions. Please also remind your student that it may be difficult to change their course selections after the registration period has ended.

Your son or daughter will be meeting individually with his or her counselor to choose courses for the 2018-19 school year. These meetings will begin in December and continue until winter break. Current sophomores and juniors will be meeting with counselors during their P.E. class to make course selections; current freshmen will meet with their counselor during their Foundations class. It is very important for students to keep their appointments. If for any reason a student is unable to meet with their counselor on the designated date and time, it is the student's responsibility to reschedule a meeting with his/her counselor to record the student's course selection.

Initial student course selections will be mailed to parents on January 26, 2018. 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 2018-2019 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 2, 2018; after this date, no other schedule changes may be made until summer 2018 via counselor appointment.

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

Sincerely,

Josh Schumacher
Principal

Semester Exam Schedule

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

Winter Vacation begins at the close of school on Friday, December 22nd. School resumes on Tuesday, January 9th, 2018.

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During the month of December, your son or daughter will take part in the course scheduling process for the 2018-2019 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. Around Hoffman, we talk a lot about a concept known as the 'Power of 15.' 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 over 20 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 US History	AP World History
AP Biology	AP Calculus BC
AP Calculus AB	AP Chemistry
AP Computer Science A	AP Computer Science Principles
AP Environmental Science	AP Physics 1
AP Physics 2	AP Physics C
AP Seminar	AP Research
AP French	AP German
AP Spanish Language & Culture	AP Spanish Literature & Culture
AP Seminar	AP Research

Dual-credit Courses Offered at HEHS

Art in Contemporary Society	
Biology 2	Anatomy & Physiology
Electronics Technology I	
Technology Apps I & II	
Accounting I Financial	QuickBooks
Building Construction (& IS)	
Culinary Arts/Foods IS	Japanese
Fashion Construction IS 2	Design IS 2
PLTW Digital Electronics	
Advanced ECE IS 2	
French 4	Spanish 4
Automotive Tech 2	
Advanced Algebra 2 / Pre-Calculus	
Quantitative Literacy	
Health Career Exploration & Medical Terminology	
Multi-Variable Calculus	
Advanced Topics in Spanish	

AP Parent Information Night

Join us on Tuesday, November 28th at 7:00 pm to find out more information about the benefits of AP coursework, AP course offerings at HEHS, and ways that you can effectively support your AP student.

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.

We highly encourage every freshman student and parent to complete the application for this scholarship. Completing the application does not mean that you intend to, or have to, attend Harper College, however, it does secure the option to attend Harper College tuition-free after graduating from HEHS (if your student meets the requirements). Applications can be completed using a downloadable paper form: <https://adc.d211.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Harper-Promise-Application-2017-06-29.pdf> or by completing the electronic application in your parent Infinite Campus Portal (look for a message in the inbox titled: "Harper Promise Scholarship Application"). Once you have successfully completed the application, your student must meet the following requirements each year in order to be eligible for the program:

Freshman Year (2nd Semester):

Attendance ¹	Rigor/Quality ²	Persistence ³	Community Service ⁴
Have less than 5 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 2018

Sophomore Year:

Attendance ¹	Rigor/Quality ²	Persistence ³	Community Service ⁴
Have less than 9 days absence (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 2018

Junior Year:

Attendance ¹	Rigor/Quality ²	Persistence ³	Community Service ⁴
Have less than 8 days absence (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 2018

Senior Year:

Attendance ¹	Rigor/Quality ²	Persistence ³	Community Service ⁴
Have less than 7 days of absence (excused or unexcused)	Maintain a 2.3 or higher GPA and earn no Ds or Fs	Earn a minimum of 18 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 Harper Promise Scholarship Community Service Hours reporting form. This form must be turned in to the HEHS Student Services office prior to the deadline.

Attention Freshman Parents
Harper College Promise Scholarship Applications
are due December 15th, 2017

*Download a paper application or complete the
 electronic version using your Infinite Campus Parent Portal*

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 make a donation, please contact Jennifer Nieft, Andres Acosta, or Maggie King, Social Workers, in the Student Services Department at (847) 755-5630.

Latino Parent Meeting

Dec. 7th, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Family Field Trip to Willow Creek Care Center

In collaboration with Title I, students and their families are invited to explore the opportunities available at the Willow Creek Care Center. Willow Creek Care Center offers a food pantry, children's clothing shop, legal services and many more resources. If interested, please contact Grace Sordini in the Student Services Department at (847) 755-5669, as bus transportation will be provided.

5Essentials Online Survey

High School District 211 will administer the 5Essentials Survey, a tool used to assess school climate and meet a survey mandate by the Illinois State Board of Education. The 5Essentials Survey will provide meaningful data to District 211, including people's perceptions about the effectiveness of school leadership, collaboration amongst teachers, involvement of families, environmental supports, and ambitiousness of instruction. Students and staff will be asked to complete the online survey while in school between November 27-December 8. Parents will receive information about accessing and completing the 10-15 minute online survey in late November.

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.rschoolday.com/>

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 winter Meet the Team/Chemical Awareness Night will be on Monday, November 13, 2017 in the Main Gym at 7:00 p.m.

The evening will begin with a presentation regarding expectations, rules, regulations, and procedures as far as the overall athletic program at HEHS is concerned. Following the presentation in the main gym, each athletic team will assemble at various locations in the school. Each winter head coach will outline and highlight their individual program. Any questions or concerns you may have will be addressed at this time.

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.

Activity Updates:

The 43rd Annual Madrigal Dinner

Let us transport you back five hundred years to a time when chivalry was the law of the land. Travel back to a time when Kings ruled in splendor and Knights tilted for the glance of a fair Maiden. Explore a time when great Madrigals were sung in the courts of mighty Lords and Ladies. Join us for the Hoffman Estates High School Madrigal Dinner. Enjoy the bounty of the royal kitchen, the splendor of the king's hall, and the beautiful sounds of the Madrigal Singers.

The Hoffman Estates High School Madrigal Dinner will be held December 8th at 8:00 p.m. and December 9th at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale starting November 1 for \$20.00 each. Fill out a ticket request form online at <http://tinyurl.com/HEHSMadrigals2017> or contact Mrs. Ordonez by phone at 847-755-5760 or by email at cordonez@d211.org to reserve your spot today. Seating is limited, so call as soon as possible.

Come and join us for a night of feasting and celebration that the whole family can enjoy!

Fall Play:

Radium Girls by D.W. Gregory

One of the untold stories in our country's history, Radium Girls brings to light the plight of Grace Fryer and the dial painters who trusted Arthur Roeder and the U.S. Radium Corporation to protect them from the ill effects of Radium paint. When Grace and the dial painters begin getting sick and dying mysteriously, she must find the courage to stand against company and a society who care more for profits than people.

Support Student Involvement:

Over 100 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 Jason Stevens and assistant directed by Juan Medina and Christina Ordonez.

Tickets:

Radium Girls will be performed Thursday, November 9th, Friday, November 10th and Saturday, November 11th at 7pm in the Auditorium. Tickets are \$7.00, with freshmen invited for free. Please contact Christina Ordonez at 847-755-5760 with any questions or visit tinyurl.com/hehsboxoffice.

General Information:

Free Heart Screening for HEHS Students

On Thursday, December 14th, 2017 Young Hearts for Life and Hoofin' 4 Hardy will be partnering with Hoffman Estates High School to offer free ECG Heart Screenings to HEHS Students during the school day. ECGs assist in identifying heart conditions that could lead to Sudden Cardiac Death (SCD). These conditions cannot be identified through a traditional school or athletic physical. Please sign up your student at www.YH4L.org for this free screening. We are also seeking a large number of parent volunteers for this event all day on December 14th. Volunteering can be done on both a half day and full day basis. Please sign up to volunteer <http://signup.com/go/E84xaA>.