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HOFFMAN ESTATES HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



January 2018

Dates to Remember:

Jan 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School
Jan 17	D211/D54 Choral Festival Main Gym, 7:00 p.m.
Jan 19	Dance Show Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
Jan 20	Dance Show Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
Jan 23	Student Late Start – 8:50 a.m.
Jan 30	Pre-Regional Forensics Performance Auditorium, 5:30 p.m.
Jan 31	D211/D54 Band Festival Main Gym, 7:00 p.m.
Feb 1	Latino Parents Meeting HEHS Media Center, 6:00 p.m.
Feb 3	GEMS 2018 Conant High School H.E.L.P. Trivia Night Bridges of Poplar Creek Country Club, 7:00 p.m.
Feb 6	Student Late Start – 8:50 a.m.
Feb 8	Dancing with the Hawk Stars Main Gym, 7:00 p.m.
Feb 9	Spring Blood Drive West Shelf, 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Feb 10	D211 Honors Orchestra Concert Conant High School, 7:00 p.m.
Feb 17	Winter Formal Main Gym, 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Feb 19	Presidents' Day – No School
Feb 20	Student Late Start – 8:50 a.m.
Feb 23	Amy Rudolph Basketball Tournament Main Gym, 6:00 p.m.
Feb 28	Musical - Student Show Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL: JOSH SCHUMACHER

Welcome to 8th grade parents

With this issue, we welcome the parents of the Class of 2022 to our Hoffman Estates High School community. For the rest of this school year, the parents of our incoming freshman students will receive this newsletter. We are also excited to welcome our new Hawks, who have the opportunity to learn about and become familiar with Hoffman Estates High School during the following opportunities in the Spring and Summer:

Bridging the Gap: incoming freshman orientation during April and May

Summer School 2018: opportunities to enroll in academic courses and athletic camps

Freshman Kick-off 2018: first meeting of the entire class of 2022! (Friday, August 3rd)

In just a few months, your sons and daughters will join the Hawk family and begin their journey with us towards lifelong success. The changes and opportunities that they will experience will help them build the knowledge and skills necessary to meet their goals. We also begin our partnership with you, our parents, as we establish the open community and collaboration between our school and your home. You are joining an amazing community of parents that we already collaborate with on a daily basis. We realize that you are an integral part of the education process and encourage you to participate in as many school events and activities as you can. In addition to this newsletter, I encourage you to regularly check our HEHS website, which includes a specific section for parents of the Class of 2022. (<http://hhs.d211.org/parents/incoming-freshman/>) and to follow us on Twitter (@HoffmanHS) for up to the minute information on academics, activities, and athletics at HEHS.

Our staff is dedicated to helping you and your student make the most of the next four years at HEHS. We have amazing educators who dedicate their time and energy to ensuring that your student achieves their highest potential. I have been a staff member here for the last 15 years and can truly say that we care about each student individually and strive to provide a personalized, challenging educational experience for everyone. I would be remiss if I didn't take the opportunity to brag about our students as well. Our student body is defined by acceptance, tolerance, and respect for each other's differences. Our students are engaged, involved, and consistently demonstrate success both inside and outside of the classroom. I honestly can't wait for your son or daughter to be one of our students in the Fall of 2018.

In preparation for writing this newsletter, I asked a few current students about their favorite things about HEHS. They told me multiple stories about "amazing, supportive teachers," "fun and engaging classes," and "tons of opportunities to get involved in activities, athletics, and fine arts." They also said that they feel "safe, respected, and valued" here. I am confident that your son or daughter will experience the same things starting in August. I also want to tell you about my favorite thing about HEHS. You know that our mascot is a hawk, but you may not know that we use the term SOAR (like a hawk) to define who we are and what we expect from each person in our building. SOAR stands for some of the most important values and behaviors that we expect. The S stands for 'show respect,' the O for 'own your actions,' the A for 'accept differences,' and the R for 'realize your potential.' I expect our students and staff to demonstrate these every single day.

If you have questions about academic, activities, or athletic opportunities for your son or daughter at HEHS, please feel free to contact us at any time. You can find pertinent information on our school website or call the school directly. We recommend that you direct questions about enrollment, course selection, or curriculum to the Student Services department (847-755-5630), questions about athletic teams or summer camps to the Athletic department (847-755-5771), and questions regarding activities or fine arts to the Activity Director (847-755-5613). Thank you in advance for working together with our staff to provide the best high school experience for your son or daughter.

Sincerely,

Josh Schumacher
Principal



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

Principal's SPOTLIGHT

District 211 College Majors & Career Clusters

During the 2016-2017 school year, District 211 embarked on a community engagement process to interview students, staff, parents, and community members. The purpose of this ambitious plan was to gain critical feedback from all stakeholders regarding the vision for District 211 graduates. This vision included the types of skills, proficiencies, and experiences that graduates should possess as they embark on the pathway to post-high school experiences. Utilizing the feedback from this process, District 211 identified five readiness components that are critical for our graduates: Academic Readiness, College and Career Exploration, Global Competitive Skills, Student Involvement, and Wellness.

This Principal's Spotlight will focus on one of the five readiness components: College and Career Exploration. This component relates to the guided activities that students complete at each grade level as they learn more about their own interests and abilities, research career clusters and career pathways, identify post-secondary options, and document efforts to achieve individual post-secondary goals. Our goal is that students know their first steps after high school graduation, and this readiness component allows students to map out those steps in advance.

We believe that it is never too early to begin planning for what will happen after graduation from Hoffman Estates High School. We also believe that the planning process should be a collaborative effort between students, school staff, and parents. In order to increase collaboration, District 211 has developed 16 career clusters. Each cluster is organized into career pathways, which define a multi-year sequence of HEHS courses that integrate core academic knowledge with technical and occupational knowledge that seek to provide students with a defined pathway to postsecondary education and/or careers.

We believe that the 16 College Major and Career Clusters, pictured below, offer a systematic way for students to match their passions and skills to post-high school options. While your student will participate in guided activities developed around these clusters, we also encourage parents to hold conversations with your student regarding post-high school planning. In order to provide you with critical information and help facilitate these conversations between you and your student, we have made information about each cluster available to you on the following website: <http://www.d211careercluster.org/>.

In addition to this website, all HEHS students have participated in an online survey tool called Career Cruising. HEHS students begin utilizing this software during the fall of eighth grade when our guidance counselors travel to junior high schools to engage students in the initial stages of the post-high school planning process. Utilizing the information that your student identified during the survey, they will be provided with information about which of the sixteen career clusters most closely match their current areas of interest. We highly encourage you to review the clusters that most closely align with your student's current interest. The information provided in each cluster will help you better understand required and recommended elective coursework, extracurricular opportunities that match student interest, and possible internships and volunteer experiences available to your student.

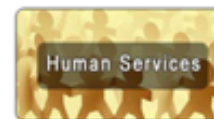
Over the course of the next four years, we will work closely with both you and your student to further understand the most appropriate post-secondary options and refine the appropriate coursework and other opportunities that your student can experience in order to most effectively prepare them for life after Hoffman Estates High School.



COLLEGE MAJORS & CAREER CLUSTERS

Township High School District 211

Extraordinary Opportunities. Innovative Teaching. Exceptional Learning.



General Information:

WELCOMING FRESHMEN

Bridging the Gap

Eighth-grade students from our feeder junior highs will have the opportunity to participate in our annual orientation program "Bridging the Gap." Participants come to Hoffman Estates High School for an afternoon in April or May. These incoming freshmen will take a tour, hear current students speak about clubs, sports, and other Hoffman programs, and learn about the academic demands about being a freshman. Any incoming Hawk is eligible. Sign-up will be available through the junior high schools closer to the program dates and space is limited so be sure to sign up if interested in attending.

Community Connections:

H.E.L.P – Trivia Night

The Hoffman Estates Loyal Partners Trivia Night is coming up! Teams of eight compete for prizes and bragging rights in trivia games and other small games and events throughout the evening, including a "table theme" contest. Highlights of the night are the silent and live auctions that benefit the activities, clubs, and athletics at Hoffman Estates High School. ALL of the money raised from the auction items goes DIRECTLY to the sport or activity/club that donated them. Don't miss this exciting event!

When: Saturday, February 3, 2018, 7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:00 p.m.)

Where: Bridges of Poplar Creek Country Club, Hoffman Estates

How to register: Complete, and submit, the registration form from the HELP Trivia Night page (<http://hhs.d211.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/TriviaNightFlyer2018.pdf>) by January 22.

What to do: Get a team of eight together and plan your table theme!

Contact Alan Brostoff at 847-312-6053 or HEHSTriviaNight@gmail.com with any questions.

FreshMentors & Foundations

FreshMentors are junior and senior students who are responsible individuals identified as having leadership skills, effective communication skills, and a commitment to helping others. The goal of this program is to provide support and structure to freshmen throughout their first year of high school. Our FreshMentors also serve as mentors to freshmen within the Freshmen Foundation classes. The FreshMentors work with their freshmen to help them acclimate to life at HEHS, get involved at school and encourage them to practice good study habits. FreshMentors also participate in new student/transfer student orientation events, Parent Open House, 8th Grade Parent Night and Bridging the Gap.

Freshmen Kick-Off

The tenth annual Freshmen Kick-Off was held at HEHS on Monday, August 7, 2017. Over 250 freshmen attended the Kick-Off. Freshmen students located their classes and navigated the cafeteria as they would on the first day of school. Our FreshMentors were responsible for leading three break-out sessions that focused on "Getting to Know You," "Getting to Know Our School," and "Goal Setting." Activities for the day also included a visit to the school store, a presentation on our S.O.A.R. program, an introduction of the Intervention Office staff, information on activities and athletics, and a debut of our FreshMentors performing skits to demonstrate school policies. The day ended with a dance that everyone participated in and the HEHS Fight Song. Our parent organization, Hoffman Estates Loyal Partners (H.E.L.P), also hosted two parent kick-off sessions on Monday, August 7th. This allowed current parents to share their experiences as to what it is like to be a high school parent with parents of the Class of 2021.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

2018 Advanced Placement (AP) test registration will take place online this year (www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/142301). Registration for AP exams begins on February 1st and will close on February 28th. All students enrolled in AP courses who plan to take the AP exams in May will need to complete the online registration within this time frame. The cost for each exam is \$94 with the exception of AP Seminar which has a cost of \$142. This fee includes a \$15 unused exam fee; students may cancel exams through the morning of May 1st and will receive a \$79 refund per exam. AP exams will be administered from May 7th through May 18th. Additional information regarding the AP exam schedule can be accessed at http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/exam/dates_fees/index.html.

Students may also contact Mr. Michael Murphy, AP Coordinator, with any questions at (847) 755-5646.

SUMMER SCHOOL

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

First Semester – May 30th – June 20th

Second Semester – June 21st – July 16th

Please note that summer school courses will run Monday-Thursday each week and there are no classes on July 4.

How to Register:

Registration for current HEHS students begins Monday, April 9th, 2018; registration for all incoming freshmen begins Monday, April 16th, 2018. Students are encouraged to see their counselor during a free block or lunch on the first day of summer school registration if they want to enroll in Driver's Education. April 9th will be walk-in registration for summer school only. No appointments will be taken on April 10th, and students will be registered on a first come, first served basis. Students should be sure to bring their payment with them and register early to ensure they get the courses and time slots they desire. Additionally, summer school walk-in registration will not be accepted on May 28th as the building will be closed.

Activity Events

Once on This Island

Join us in the Hoffman Estates High School theatre for a one-act story of love written by Lynn Ahrens and music by Stephen Flaherty. Once on This Island stars character Ti Moune, a fearless peasant girl who falls in love with a wealthy boy from the opposite side of the island. Set in the Caribbean Sea, the divided cultures of the two lovers keep them apart and Ti Moune is guided by the all powerful gods of the island Erzulie, Asaka, Papa Ge and Agwe on an adventure to the person who she has fallen in love with. The curtain rises at 7:00 p.m. for all three shows on Thursday, March 1st, Friday, March 2nd, and Saturday, March 3rd. See you there!

Operation Snowball Retreat

On Saturday, March 10th, Hoffman Estates High School along with Schaumburg High School and Conant High School, will host the 12th annual Operation Snowball retreat at Schaumburg High School. Operation Snowball is a leadership development program that empowers youth to make healthy lifestyle choices. This all day event focuses on drug, alcohol, and violence prevention through a variety of activities, including an inspirational speaker, workshops, discussion groups, and large group activities. Students are able to share their experiences and thoughts with other teens, and receive guidance and support. Additionally, participants have the opportunity to develop and foster new friendships with other students. All students are welcome to participate in this event, and registration begins in February. If you have any questions or would like to register your HEHS student, please contact HEHS Student Services to speak with Mrs. Lilia Ramirez at (847) 755-5630.

Fall Student Athlete Accolades

Boys Golf

Alex Harrison - MSL Conference Medalist - 4th place, IHSA Sectional Qualifier
Alex Mayani - IHSA Sectional Qualifier
Johnathan Lim - IHSA Sectional Qualifier
Tom Curcio - IHSA Sectional Qualifier

Girls Golf

Christina Wood - IHSA Sectional Qualifier
Katarina Ott-Durkin - IHSA Sectional Qualifier

Boys Soccer

Joe Sopikiotis - MSL All-Conference, Daily Herald All-Area, IHSSCA All-Sectional

Girls Cross Country

Team - IHSA Sectional Qualifiers
Nikki Rong - MSL Conference Medalist - 23rd place

Boys Cross Country

Shreekar Patel - IHSA Sectional Qualifier

Football

Team - IHSA State Playoff Qualifiers
Jaylan Alexander - MSL All-Conference
Jayvon Blissett - MSL All-Conference
Shawn Brown - MSL All-Conference
Angel Fernandez - MSL All-Conference
Clevontae Jackson - MSL All-Conference
Anijel Jones - MSL All-Conference

Girls Volleyball

Ashley Poland - MSL All-Conference, Daily Herald All-Area

A Reminder to the 10-minute School Climate Survey for parents available at: <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/>. Your input is important and your time is appreciated.



Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors Test in April

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 Testing SAT and PSAT10

Junior Testing

The Illinois State Board of Education's required high school level assessment, The College Board Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT), will be administered throughout Illinois on Tuesday, April 10, 2018. This state-funded SAT fulfills the requirement of the Illinois School Code that students take the state's required assessment to be eligible for promotion to grade 12, unless eligible to take the alternative assessment or otherwise exempt from testing and measure students' progress in the areas of reading, writing, language and math. In accordance with Illinois School Code, the results of the State-sponsored SAT will be posted on students' official high school transcripts. The SAT is also used by many colleges and universities as an entrance assessment and this state-funded test will provide a valid score for this purpose.

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.

<i>SAT National Test Dates</i>	<i>Registration Deadline</i>	<i>Late Registration</i>	<i>Online Score Release</i>
May 5, 2018	April 6, 2018	April 17, 2018	May 18-24, 2018
June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018	April 25, 2018	July 11, 2018

Sophomore Testing

Sophomores will be administered the PSAT 10 on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, to measure their academic progress in reading, writing, language and math. Performance on this assessment will also help District 211 improve curriculum and instruction to ensure that all students are college and career ready upon graduation from high school. The PSAT 10 provides students with individualized details about areas for academic improvement prior to taking the State-required junior year assessment. You can find additional information about the PSAT 10 online at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10>.

On April 10, freshmen and senior students will not report to school. It is recommended these students pursue educational opportunities independently on April 10. Sophomore and junior students will report to school to complete the SAT or PSAT10, and will be dismissed at approximately 1:05 p.m. Please mark your calendars. Bus transportation will be available for those who normally use bus service to school and back according to their schedule.

Tuesday, April 3, 2018 PSAT 8/9

Freshmen Testing

On Tuesday, April 3, 2018, all freshmen will complete the PSAT 8/9 on a regular school attendance day. Students will be excused from class to complete the assessment. Performance on this assessment will also help the school district improve curriculum and instruction to ensure that all students are college and career ready upon graduation from high school. For more information online about the PSAT 8/9 go to <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9>.

April 16-27, 2018 Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)

Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) is a State-required science assessment administered to students enrolled in Biology I (S131, S137, and S138). The assessment is aligned to the Illinois Learning Standards for Science and incorporates the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Visit <http://www.isbe.net/assessment/isa.htm> for more information. Students enrolled in Biology I will complete the Illinois Science Assessment within a single class period during their regularly scheduled Biology class between the dates of April 16 – 27, 2018.

April State Testing

SAT

Juniors are preparing to take the state-funded SAT on Tuesday, April 10, 2018. The SAT is required for receipt of a regular high school diploma. Because SAT will be administered as the state assessment in high school, it fulfills the requirement of the Illinois School Code that students take the state assessment in order to receive a regular high school diploma, unless eligible to take the alternative assessment or otherwise exempt from testing. The SAT is used by many colleges and universities as an entrance assessment. These assessments measure student knowledge related to state standards with respect to examination purposes. The results for junior students will be a part of their official transcript. Sophomores will be administered the PSAT 10 Tuesday, April 10th to measure their progress in reading, writing, language and math. Performance on these assessments will also help us to improve our curriculum and instruction to ensure that all students are college and career ready.

On April 10, freshmen and senior students will not report to school. Sophomore and junior students will report to complete the SAT or PSAT10, and will be dismissed at approximately 1:05pm. Please mark your calendars. Bus transportation will be available for those who normally use bus service to school and back according to their schedule. Tuesday, April 3 while the freshman students are taking the PSAT 8/9 all students will complete their regularly scheduled school day.

PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10

To help our freshman and sophomore students prepare for the SAT, District 211 will administer additional assessments that are aligned with the SAT - the PSAT 8/9 and the PSAT10. On April 10, sophomore students will take the PSAT10. On April 3, freshman students will be excused from classes to take the PSAT 8/9. Performance on these assessments will also help us to improve our curriculum and instruction to ensure that all students are college and career ready. Both of these tests assess student proficiency in reading, language and writing, and math. Additional cross-test scores measure Analysis in History/Social Studies and Analysis in Science. You can learn more about these assessments at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org>.

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