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A Patriot's Look Ahead

Sunday, December 5, 2021

Announcements

- **PowderPuff Game Night - Dec 6**

The annual PH Powder-puff game is this Monday, December 6. Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased on Ticket Spicket and at the gate. Freshmen vs. Sophomores at 5:30 pm. Juniors vs. Seniors at 6:30 pm. Championship at 7:30 pm. Three games and two halftime shows for the price of one! Concessions will be provided by the Band Boosters. Come support your PH Powder-puff football players and cheerleaders!

- **Strings Concert - Dec 7**

LMS & PHHS Winter Strings Concert - Tues., Dec. 7 @ 7pm in the auditorium.

- **New! Senior Portrait Update**

Attention Class of 2022! Senior Portraits not taken by Candid Color were due by Friday, December 3rd. All seniors who submit a portrait after this date will be charged a \$20.00 late fee. No senior portraits will be accepted after Friday, December 17th, even with a late fee. Email cpevans@hcps.us with any questions or concerns.

- **Poinsettia Sale**

Our Poinsettias go on sale December 1st and will continue throughout December 17th. They are \$7/poinsettia and \$5/poinsettia if you buy in bulk (10+). They can be wrapped in gold, red, or green foil. Contact Ms. Banton at jbanton@hcps.us for the poinsettia order form or if you have any questions

[Poinsettia Order Form](#) (you will find pricing and pickup info on this form!)

- **Horticulture Open House! - Dec 9th**

Horticulture and FFA will be hosting a Winter Open House on December 9th from 5-7 P.M. Poinsettias, wreaths, and holiday floral arrangements will be available for purchase. FFA will be collecting food for Hanover Outreach. Located in Horticulture Building (Room 608)

- **FFA Canned Food Drive - this week and next!**

FFA is hosting a food drive from November 29th through December 16th. Canned food will be donated to Hanover Outreach. Drop off food in room 608, 501, 503. Food can be dropped off at the Horticulture Open House as well. [Flier for FFA Food Drive](#)

- **Continuous School Improvement Quarterly Update**

Here is our Quarterly CSIP Newsletter! What is CSIP? CSIP stands for Continuous School Improvement Process. The purpose of our PHHS CSIP team is to provide a framework for the self-reflection and goal setting of each school to support the mission of Hanover County Public Schools of being a student-centered, community-driven organization committed to providing all students with exceptional learning experiences to prepare them to be confident, ethical, productive citizens. This year we have outlined five school wide goals: Writing Across the Curriculum, Attendance, Social Emotional Learning, Equity of Access to Resources, and Connecting as a PHamily. Please check out our newsletter to see what our Action Teams are working on this year!

Click Here! <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HPLIEGAg1vEfB20DL5d26m96chlpXBP2/view?usp=sharing>

- Be sure to follow Patrick Henry on our social media accounts! [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) [Twitter](#)

Counseling Corner

- **New! Sophomore Class PHamily Meeting – Thursday, December 16th!**

Join the School Counseling Department for our SoPHomore PHamily Meeting on Thursday, 12/16/21 at 6:30pm via Zoom. Topics discussed include graduation requirements, GPA, PSAT scores/next steps, and how your student's school counselor can support you. If you are unable to attend, it will be recorded and posted to Schoology.

Meeting Information:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://hcpsus.zoom.us/j/89222639062pwd=SzVyQ0cwUIF6TEo5VU14RUVNejJ4dz09&from=addon>

Meeting ID: 892 2263 9062 Passcode: 446757

- **New! Signs of Suicide Program Info - Class Visits 12/7-12/10**

Dear Parent / Guardian,

During this challenging year, school staff are working to teach students about mental health and how to seek help if they are worried about themselves or a friend. We are using a program called SOS Signs of Suicide with all of our tenth grade Health and PE students. The program teaches students about this difficult topic and encourages them to seek help. We will be visiting the classes December 7-10, 2021.

SOS has been used by thousands of schools over the past few decades. Studies have shown that it effectively teaches students about depression and suicide while reducing the number of students' self-reported suicide attempts.

Through the program, students learn:

- that depression is treatable, so they are encouraged to seek help
- how to identify depression and potential suicide risk in themselves or a friend
- to ACT (Acknowledge, Care and Tell a trusted adult) if concerned about themselves or a friend
- who they can turn to at school for help, if they need it

Students will watch age-appropriate video clips and participate in a guided discussion about depression, suicide, and what to do if they are concerned about a friend. Following the video, students will complete a response slip which asks whether they would like to talk to an adult about any concerns. School staff will conduct brief meetings with any student asking to talk.

Following the video, students will complete a brief depression screening tool. This tool cannot provide a diagnosis of depression but does indicate whether a young person should be referred for evaluation by a mental health professional. We encourage you to visit www.sossignsofsuicide.org/parent for information on warning signs for youth suicide, useful resources, and some of the key messages students will learn.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's participation in this program please contact me at jjackson@hcps.us or any of our school counselors.

Sincerely,

Jamie Jackson

Director of School Counseling

- **2022-2023 The Hanover Center for Trades and Technology Applications**

If you are currently a 10th or 11th grade student and would like to attend the Center for Trades and Technology in one of the following areas next year you must complete this application by February 1st. The areas of instruction

include: Automotive Technology; Electricity; Carpentry; Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC); Cosmetology; and Culinary Arts. Programs at The Hanover Center for Trades and Technology will prepare students for a wide range of opportunities including post-secondary education, apprenticeships and career pathway success. Programs are designed in two sequential learning levels. Students will attend classes every other day for three blocks with transportation provided.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1cZqICegZKPzzLBxbxR9lhWrVKShGetyc32blS6Y1A6M/viewform?edit_requested=true

- **SOAR Virginia Program**

Attention 10th Graders! Would you like up to \$2,000 towards your college education? You may be eligible to be a part of the SOAR Virginia program. SOAR Virginia is an early commitment program created to inspire and assist high school students to reach their post-high school goals. It is sponsored by Virginia 529 College Savings Plan, an independent agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia and brought to you by participating college access providers.

To enroll in SOAR Virginia, students must meet eligibility requirements including:

1. Be a U.S. citizen or legal U.S. resident
2. Be a Virginia resident and a student in grade 10 and enrolled in a participating Virginia High School at the time of enrollment.
3. Comply with the SOAR Virginia Pledge, including the minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher at the time of enrollment.
4. Qualify to participate in the Federal National School Lunch Program.

If you meet the requirements, please fill out the form found in your School Counseling Office by November 19th. Students who meet all the requirements will be selected on a first come, first serve basis. Those selected will be contacted by Mrs. Lara Brown, your SOAR Virginia advisor.

- **Virginia Tech Pamplin Leadership Award:**

Attention Seniors! Mrs. Edwards is currently accepting applications for the Virginia Tech Pamplin Leadership Award through Tuesday, December 7 at 11:59 p.m. The Pamplin Leadership Award is a one-year, merit-based \$5,000 Virginia Tech scholarship presented to up to 40 qualified students chosen from Virginia's public high schools. The award was established to acknowledge students who demonstrate superior intellectual promise, academic performance, dedication to their communities, interest and success in physical fitness and health, and unimpeachable integrity. The chosen nominee for our high school must have a 3.8 cumulative weighted GPA or better and have submitted their undergraduate admissions application to Virginia Tech. Check the updates section in your "Class of 2022" Schoology course for application details from Mrs. Edwards.

- **Scholarships**

Attention Seniors! Don't miss out on Scholarships!! There are several new Scholarships posted on our Scholarship Opportunities Spreadsheet available at bit.ly/ScholarshipOpportunitiesHCPS and more being added each week!

- **Hanover Virtual Career Center:** <https://bit.ly/HCPSVirtualCareerCenter> - includes links for students to register for our virtual Career Cafes and College/Military Visits along with several other career and postsecondary planning resources.

Hanover Career Counseling YouTube page: <http://bit.ly/HanoverCareerYouTube> - has videos for students and families to access including our virtual Career Cafe events, College/Military visits, College Bootcamp resources, instructional videos on FAFSA, Scholarships, ordering transcripts with Parchment and more!

- **Updated! Upcoming Virtual College/Military Visits:**

- Bridgewater College – Monday, December 6
- Shenandoah University – Tuesday, December 7
- Radford University – Wednesday, December 8

- Mary Baldwin University – Thursday, December 9
- Long Island University Brooklyn – Friday, December 10
- Randolph College – Monday, December 13
- University of Mississippi – Tuesday, December 14

Virtual College/Military visits will take place at 12 noon each day. Students (grades 9-12) can register at <https://bit.ly/VirtualCollegeVisits21-22> for upcoming Virtual College/Military Visits! If you are unable to attend a visit live, you will receive a link to the recorded session following the event via e-mail and may also view it from our Hanover Career Counseling YouTube page (<http://bit.ly/HanoverCareerYouTube>).

If you missed a visit, check out the recording of the visit on our YouTube page and view our Career Counseling calendar (<https://bit.ly/2V8b0Sv>) for additional upcoming virtual college/military visits! Don't miss out on these valuable opportunities to connect with college reps, military recruiters and trade/technical schools!

- **Senior Scholarship Application is Open!**

Attention Seniors: The **2021-2022 Senior Scholarship Application** is now open for you to access! Completing this application will qualify you to be considered for scholarships provided by several area businesses and organizations through the PHHS Scholarship Committee. The deadline to complete the application is **Friday, December 31, 2021, at 11:59 p.m.** Use the following link to access the application TODAY!

<https://bit.ly/HCPSSeniorScholarshipApp2022>

Before getting started, be sure to review the [checklist](#) of information you will need to complete your application.

Please contact Mrs. Edwards, PHHS Career Counselor, at spedwards@hcps.us, with any questions. Thank you!

- **HEF Serve and Learn Scholarship:**

Seniors! In an effort to encourage and acknowledge the importance of volunteer service to the community, the Hanover Education Foundation is awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to one senior in each Hanover County high school who successfully fulfills a 100 -hour commitment to community service in ONE location commencing in their sophomore year. Eligible seniors should click on the below link to make a copy of the Serve & Learn Hours Log and submit the log (along with a paragraph explaining the nature and depth of your service) and send it to Mrs. Edwards, Career Counselor, via Schoology or email to spedwards@hcps.us by Friday, December 17, 2021. Serve & Learn Hours Log <https://bit.ly/3iLvE49> .

Stay Connected! Bookmark these links and follow HCPS Career Counseling on Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook for updates throughout the school year!

- a. Career Quick Links: <https://bit.ly/CareerCounselingQuickLinksHCPS>
- b. Follow Career Counseling on Twitter: [@HCPSCareers](#)
- c. Follow Career Counseling on Instagram and Facebook: [@hanovercareercounseling](#)

- **Attention Seniors:** Be sure to check out the Class of 2022 Senior Handbook at <https://bit.ly/HCPSSeniorHandbook2022>. This document includes valuable information that will help you successfully navigate your senior year. Some of the items include important senior events, career counseling resources, postsecondary planning information and much more. Please take time to read it and contact your School Counselor or Career Counselor with any questions. We look forward to working with you this school year and helping you reach your postsecondary goals!

Community Connections

The American Legion U.S. Constitutional Speech Contest in Hanover County

The first competition for the 2022 American Legion oratorical program will take place on Saturday, January 8th, 2022. There are hundreds of dollars in scholarships available to students who are in 9th through 12th grades who want to participate. Each student must prepare 5 distinct speeches. The contest includes one 8 minute speech on any topic of the students choosing (as long as it pertains to the U.S. Constitution and our responsibility as citizens to uphold our role within our republic). And an additional requirement for the presentation of one 3 minute speech that is randomly selected from 4 possible topics. Families and students are strongly encouraged to contact the contest organizers to begin their competition preparations. For further information and to participate please call: (804) 223-2190. Coaching and guidance are provided in concert with the parents of participating students.

Additional information can be found here: <http://alp90va.org/index.php?id=42> <https://www.legion.org/oratorical/about>

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Save the Dates

[Upcoming Athletic Events listed here](#)