



A Patriot's Look Ahead

Sunday, October 3, 2021

Instructional Highlight

This week's highlight captures students in Mrs. Parramore's Independent Living/Life Skills class. Students extended their classroom learning to real-world applications in "shopping" for grocery items. Students had to budget their money, check off a list of items they needed as they shopped, count up their totals, give the correct dollar amount to their cashier, and receive and count their change accurately.



Announcements

- **Updated Bell Schedule - PHlex Days are back!**

To help support instruction and pacing during 1st block due to late buses, we have adjusted the bell schedules to provide more instructional time in 1st block. See the link below to our updated bell schedule.

[Updated 2021-2022 Bell Schedule](#)

PHLEX DAYS: We will begin having our normal PHlex schedule this week on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Students must have a pass to travel during PHlex.

We will have additional PHlex on the 4th Tuesday of each month that is dedicated to Social Emotional Learning and other school wide needs. There will be no travel during this PHlex.

- **Tardies will now be enforced for first block each morning**

We now feel as if we are at a good spot to begin enforcing tardies for first block each morning. Our bell to begin school rings at 8:45. From here on out, students who drive to school or who are dropped off by parents are expected to be in their class by 8:45. If they arrive after this point, they should report to the Tardy Table in the cafeteria for a late pass.

Students who arrive on late buses will be provided with an excused pass upon entering the building by a staff member.

- **Class of 2022 Yearbook & Senior Portraits Information**

Attention Class of 2022!!! Here is the link to all things yearbook related. You can find Candid Color senior portrait dates, senior portrait requirements for outside photographers, senior yearbook ad procedures, and more! If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Evans in 506.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1G4ltNB Ae2VRkcyncc9ly0KZqJp6c7tLA/edit?usp=sharing&oid=106473299489696179767&rtpof=true&sd=true>

- **SCA T-shirts and Giveaway**

It's time to purchase your patRIOT shirts for the 2021 football season! You can purchase them through the school OSP system for \$10!

Giveaway opportunity: Enter for a chance to win 2 FREE Homecoming Football Game Tickets!

To Enter:

- Follow @phhssca on Instagram

-Post a picture of you & a friend wearing a patRIOT shirt with the hashtag #patRIOTsca

- **Backpack Program**

For the past few years Patrick Henry has offered a food backpack program for our students who would benefit from having support with food on the weekend. Our food is provided through Hanover Food Outreach. Backpacks (or bags) are distributed to students on Friday afternoons for them to take home. Each bag contains 6 small meals and 3 snacks. If your student could benefit from this program, please contact Jennifer Crowder in School Counseling at 365-8023 or jcrowder@hcps.us. You may leave a confidential voicemail message at the phone number listed above; be sure to include your name and your student's name. Names of students participating in the food backpack program are not disclosed outside of the Patrick Henry faculty directly involved in distribution. Thank you.

- **Homecoming Court Voting - Open on Wednesday!**

Wednesday (10/6) all students will have the chance to vote for the final round of the 2021-2022 Homecoming Court. Voting will open at 8:00am on Wednesday morning and close at 4:30pm on Wednesday afternoon.

Students must log in to Schoology and look under Courses to find their Graduation Year Class which they have automatically been enrolled in. On that page, there will be a link for the voting form.

Any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Day (kday@hcps.us) or Mrs. Henning (ehenning@hcps.us).

- **PSATs**

As in previous years, HCPS pays and auto-registers all 9th and 11th grade students to participate in the PSATs. The test date for the 21-22 school year is as follows:

11th graders take the PSAT/NMSQT and 9th graders take the PSAT 8/9: **Wednesday, October 13, 2021 (A DAY)**

*Dates are set by the College Board and there are no make-ups. Students must be present to participate.

Taking the PSAT before the SAT test gives students the advantage of knowing the kinds of questions to expect and the thought processes that are required to answer these questions successfully. Many students who are thinking about going to college take the SAT late in their junior year or early in their senior year. You may find additional information about the PSAT and SAT assessments at

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org>.

More information regarding testing locations, what to bring on test day, and how to prepare will be shared later this month.

For questions directly related to PSAT testing at PHHS please contact Mrs. Kelly Day, Instructional Assessment & Analysis Specialist via e-mail at kday@hcps.us or by calling (804) 365-8028.

- **Pay Your Class Fees**

Once you have received your student's schedule, you may use the school division's Online School Payments system, <https://osp.osmsinc.com/HanoverVA/>. [Here are directions](#) for how to pay for the class fees. If you have any questions, or if you would like to pay in person, please contact our bookkeeper, Anita Floyd, at afloyd@hcps.us

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

Counseling Corner

- **Silent No More Zoom Presentation**

A Zoom presentation will be held on Thursday, October 7 from 6pm to 8pm. HCPS and the Silent No More team will be holding a community presentation about the opioid crisis in community. Silent No More is a powerful, multi-faceted and relatable drug awareness initiative presented to schools and the community educating on the invisible dangers of opioids, other dangerous drugs, and drug trends. The team is comprised of parents who have lost their child to opioid overdose; DEA agent; Assistant US Attorney & District Opioid Coordinator; Hanover Co. Sheriff's Department; Physician and an individual in recovery.

PLEASE REGISTER AT: <https://tinyurl.com/hanoversilentnomore> or <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZlpdO-vqTliG9CepY0OKNNX8vX4wYB5gpun>

- **GRASP/Financial Aid Support**

GRASP has a new advisor at Patrick Henry High School. Mrs. Lara Mills Brown (92' Patriot!) will be the GRASP advisor this school year assisting Seniors with their Financial Aid Plans. GRASP is a non-profit organization that helps students and families through FREE one-on-one appointments with our highly trained Financial-Aid professionals. What happens during a GRASP appointment?

1. Develop a customized financial aid plan
2. Navigate the FAFSA (free financial aid application)
3. Secure an FSA ID
4. Interpret financial aid offers
5. Understand the student loan process
6. Determine remaining steps to enroll
7. Resolve financial aid issues
8. Identify additional resources to reduce debt

Seniors may begin scheduling appointments for Tuesday, October 12th between 9-1. Please contact Ms. Osborne in the Counseling Office to schedule your date/time. Mrs. Brown will be available every Tuesday. If you require an evening or virtual appointment, please let Ms. Osborne know and she will make the necessary arrangements with Mrs. Brown. Please view the short GRASP It video for additional information: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AKRIY5eWp58>."

- **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!

- **Virtual College Boot Camp Videos**

HCPS Virtual College Boot Camp Videos: Attention Juniors/Seniors! Visit our HCPS Virtual College Bootcamp Playlist (<https://bit.ly/38ypVIJ>) to access several helpful videos for your college planning journey including The Most Important Components of the College Application, Common App vs. Coalition App, Financial Aid, Scholarships, and Money-Saving Tips for College, Ordering Transcripts with Parchment and more!

- **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!

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

Dartmouth College – Monday, October 4 @ 12:00 p.m.
Longwood University – Monday, October 4 @ 12:30 p.m.
University of Tennessee-Knoxville – Tuesday, October 5 @ 12:00 p.m.
Randolph-Macon College – Tuesday, October 5 @ 12:30 p.m.
Hollins University – Wednesday, October 6
George Mason University – Thursday, October 7
Seton Hall University – Friday, October 8
Johnson & Wales University-Providence (RI) – Tuesday, October 12
University of Mary Washington – Wednesday, October 13
Princeton University – Thursday, October 14
Bridgewater College – Friday, October 15

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!

- **FAFSA is now open!**

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opened October 1! Seniors and Parents/Guardians of Seniors: View our Scholarships and Financial Aid Panel video (<https://youtu.be/vD0EAGfsVEE>) to hear information and updates about the

FAFSA process. Need help filling out the FAFSA or finding money for college next year? Mrs. Brown is here to help! Mrs. Brown is our GRASP Advisor at Patrick Henry High School (GReat Aspirations Scholarship Program, Inc.). She supports students and families through the college financial aid process, including the FAFSA and searching for scholarships. You can also view the video How to Fill Out the FAFSA for a step by step overview (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LK0bbu0y5AM>). If you would like to schedule an appointment with Mrs. Brown, you can do so by contacting our PHHS School Counseling office at (804) 365-8020. GRASP also offers virtual appointments with an advisor (in Spanish or English) on Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m and the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month from 2-4 p.m. Call (804) 923-0059 to schedule an appointment.

- **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!

Career Quick Links: <https://bit.ly/CareerCounselingQuickLinksHCPS>

Follow Career Counseling on Twitter: [@HCPSCareers](https://twitter.com/HCPSCareers)

Follow Career Counseling on Instagram and Facebook: [@hanovercareercounseling](https://www.instagram.com/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

- **Calling all Student Volunteers!**

Hanover Food Outreach is looking for student volunteers to help pack backpacks on Thursdays after school at 4:00 during the school year. Hanover Food Outreach serves students with food insecurity at Beaverdam, South Anna, Elmont, Gandy and Henry Clay Elementary, Liberty Middle School and Patrick Henry High School. It is a yearlong commitment, and you must have transportation to the Ashland location. For more information contact jinge@hcps.us.

- **Back To School Health Coverage**

- Linked below is an resource available for folks who may need health care coverage
- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MyimLFU81uao1im9ZTwCKvcKH7XP_1cJ/view?usp=sharing

Save the Dates

[Upcoming Athletic Events listed here](#)