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A Patriot's Look Ahead

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Instructional Highlight



This week's instructional highlight features English, Yearbook, and Newspaper teacher, Mrs. Evans. Students participate in an activity called "Circle the Wagon", where they sit in a circle and take intentional time to check in with one another and how they are doing. The prompts included opportunities for students to express how they are feeling, rate themselves from a 1-10, and to share something positive that has happened or that will happen with them. The responses were inspiring! We know that strong relationships are the foundation to any well-run classroom of learners. Mrs. Evans is working on just that!

Announcements

- **Morning Arrival Update**

In the interest of safety, efficiency, and timeliness, we are extending the morning window for student drop-off. Students will now be allowed to enter the building starting at 8:15 a.m. This will increase student drop-off by an additional 15 minutes, for a total of 30 minutes. This change is effective immediately. Upon arrival, students will report to the cafeteria until they are released to their first block class at 8:30.

- **Universal Screener**

On Wednesday, September 22nd we will be administering a Universal Screener to all students and adults in the building. The Social & Emotional Universal Screener will help us better understand where we are as a community as we return to learning. Your answers will enable us to provide the most appropriate resources, and needed supports in order to make the learning environment as successful as possible. Students are expected to complete the screener during PHlex in A3 block. Students should complete this [link](#). Adults should complete this [link](#). Thank you for helping us make this the best year possible.

- **Upcoming Safety Drill**

In accordance with Virginia Code §22.1-137.2, we will be conducting a lock-down during the week of Monday, September 20-Friday, September 24. We will provide you with follow-up communication once the drill has concluded.

- **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.

ATTENTION 10th Graders: The option to take the PSAT/NMSQT is available to you. Open registration for 10th graders is September 7-14, 2021. Pay the \$18 fee via online ([online payment](#)) or send in check/cash (check payable to PHHS; attn: Mrs. Day) to be registered 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.

- **Boys Soccer Interest Meeting**

The Boy's Soccer team will have an interest meeting for new players to the program on Wednesday September 22 after school in Room 409 from 4-4:45 to discuss preseason workouts. If you cannot attend, please see Coach Altizer before the end of the week.

Returning players only need to see Coach Altizer before the end of the week and pay attention to updates via Remind and Schoology.

- **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

- **2021-2022 Parking Permit Information**

Parking passes are still available for eligible Junior and Senior students. If your student was unable to purchase or pick up their pass, you may do so in the front office each morning. As a reminder, you need the student license, vehicle registration, \$75 payment, and a parent present (unless form was notarized). You will find all pertinent information [listed in this document](#) including documents needed to obtain a pass and the price. If you have any questions related to parking, please contact Randy Stokes, Assistant Principal, at rstokes@hcps.us.

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

Counseling Corner

- **School Counselor Update**

The school counseling team is off and running. We have already had individual check in's with 190 of our students in only 8 days. On September 23rd and 24th we will be visiting all PE9, PE10, English 11, and English 12 classes to make some introductions. We will be introducing our counseling team to the students, letting them know how they can schedule a meeting with us, and reviewing how we can help support our students. We will be having the students complete a very brief needs assessment to ensure that our comprehensive school counseling department is building programs and resources to meet the needs of our students and community. We look forward to seeing everyone.

- **Brief School Counseling Survey**

The School Counseling PHamily would like to know how we can support you this year. We need **all students/parents/staff** to complete this brief needs assessment in order for us to provide the services and support that are needed. Click [HERE](#) to complete the form.

- **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:**

James Madison University – Monday, September 20
Old Dominion University – Tuesday, September 21
Hampden-Sydney College – Wednesday, September 22
College of Charleston – Friday, September 24
East Carolina University – Monday, September 27
Merrimack College – Tuesday, September 28
Christopher Newport University – Wednesday, September 29
Virginia Wesleyan University – Thursday, September 30
University of Miami (FL) – Friday, October 1 @ 12 pm
Erskine College – Friday, October 1 @ 12:30 pm

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!

- **UVA Scholarships**

The Jefferson Scholarship and Walentas Scholarship at the University of Virginia (UVA)

Attention Seniors: the Jefferson Scholars Foundation at the University of Virginia is now accepting nominations for the Jefferson and Walentas Scholarships.

The award for the Jefferson Scholarship and the Walentas Scholarship is intended to cover the entire cost of attendance for four years at the University of Virginia, plus coverage of supplemental enrichment experiences. We encourage you to learn more about these scholarships, the selection criteria, and the selection process by visiting the Foundation's website at <https://www.jeffersonscholars.org/scholarship>.

How are students selected for these scholarship opportunities?

Students must be nominated by their high schools based on demonstrated excellence and exceptional potential in the areas of leadership, scholarship and citizenship. Walentas Scholars must also be the first or among the first in their families to earn a bachelor's degree from a four-year college or university.

Once nominated, students are placed into regional competitions and may be invited to participate in one or more rounds of interviews. These interviews will determine the regional finalist(s) who will be invited to participate in the final stage of either the Jefferson Scholarship competition or the Walentas Scholarship competition, both of which will take place in Charlottesville in March 2022.

If you are interested in applying for either of these scholarship opportunities, please email Mrs. Shannon Edwards, your Career Counselor, at spedwards@hcps.us, or send her a Schoology message no later than Friday, October 1, 2021. Please include the title of the scholarship in the Subject heading of your message. Thank you!

- **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 e-mail 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

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

- **A Big Thank You!**

A HUGE PH thank you to Mr. Rex Dazey for making 4 Inkle looms for our Art Department. They will be a great addition to our Crafts program. We love our PH community and local craftsmen !



- **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

- **Youth Creative Arts Expo**

- Register for the Youth Creative Arts Expo hosted at the Hanover Arts and Activities Center on August 27th. Information linked below! They would like to showcase the talents of area youth through an essay contest, music, and dance.
- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/13tEgT8mhp-zyho-0brM5eRVhdA-RJUlN/view?usp=sharing>

Save the Dates

[Upcoming Athletic Events listed here](#)