

The Buzz...



Hancock County High School

Career Ready and **ATTENDANCE**

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As *members of a workforce*, we find out quickly that attendance at work is pretty important. Having good attendance is many times the difference between an advancement or promotion. Having poor attendance will inevitably lead to demotion or even dismissal. Yes, anything that makes the difference in having a job and not having a job is pretty significant.

As *parents*, we have full control as to whether our children come to school or not. Yet, too many times, students are allowed to miss school or be tardy without legitimate reason. To be quite honest, several of our students would not be able to keep a job if they exercised the same attendance habits at work that they have at school. If the high school experience is *truly* the training ground for our students before they enter the workforce, we are doing them a disservice to continue to allow them to be tardy or absent without penalty. The fact is that the school needs parent's help to make attendance important to our students.

Attendance at the high school has declined over the course of the last 8 years (95.5% attendance in 2005 to 94.3% attendance in 2012). One of the biggest reasons that we implemented the Early Dismissal Program this current year is with hopes that it would be an incentive to help improve our student attendance. While the official numbers for atten-

dance will not be known until the year ends, our attendance at the high school is *not* expected to have improved over last year. This is one reason we have decided to cancel the last Early Dismissal Day on Friday; along with the need for us to maintain the class-time to make last preparations on Final Exams the next two weeks.

For those parents who work hard to keep their children in school, we realize it is tough to only be allowed 2 call-in absences in a year; especially with the flu, stomach viruses or other ailments that the doctors cannot help you with. We also realize it is pointless and a waste of money for parents to have to take their child to the doctor just to get an excuse when the doctor cannot do anything more than allow time for the disease or virus to run its course. For this reason, the school will be revising our attendance policy to allow 2 call-ins *per semester*. With this, we hope that parents and students will not have any reason to accumulate *unexcused* absences.

As you can see, the high school is willing to meet parents halfway in trying to improve our attendance. We need a commitment from parents to save these days for illness-related items. We also need for parents to only seek doctor's notes from doctors and nurse practitioners when

there is a legitimate medical need. We have had problems in the past few years where doctor's notes have been used for an absence when the student had not gone to a doctor. Especially considering the 2 extra days that will be given starting next year, we need to be honest about the reason for our student absences.

Speaking of being honest, not only do I feel that we have the obligation to instill good working habits in our students while in high school, everyone knows that student attendance has a direct effect on *funding*. I would be remiss not to mention that an increase in 1% for high school attendance rate (from 94.5% to 95.5%) would increase the funding in our district by \$18,000 which would translate to more than \$5,000 that the high school would have for instructional items.

The faculty and staff are currently debating whether we should implement incentives that will encourage students to develop good habits. Whether we decide to implement those incentives or agree that a high school diploma should be incentive enough, we will need parents help in setting a goal to improve attendance to 95.5% or better by the end of 2014. Ultimately, our students win and are better prepared for the workforce.

- R. Lasley



"We first make our habits, and then our habits make us..." John Dryden

Upcoming Events

May

- 2—11th Grade On-Demand, Gym (8:30)
- 2—9th Grade PLAN, Gym (11:30)
- 3—10th Grade On-Demand, Gym (8:30)
- 3—PTC #5 CANCELLED (NO Early Dismissal)
- 3—Senior Class Trip (Patoka Lake)
- 5—Band Spring Concert, Gym (2:00)
- 6—Field Day, HS Campus (10:30)
- 8—Awards Day, Gym (1:15)
- 8—SBDM Meeting, Media Center (4:00)
- 13—Band Banquet, Commons Area (6:00)
- 14—Top 10 Banquet, Commons Area (6:00)
- 15—Scholarship Reception, Commons Area (3:00—5:00)
- 15—FFA Cookout and Banquet, Commons Area (6:00)
- 16—iPad Return for 9th Grade
- 17—iPad Return for 10th Grade
- 20—iPad Return for 11th Grade
- 21—Senior Breakfast, Commons Area (7:20—8:00)
- 21—Graduation Practice, Gym (9:00)
- 21—LAST DAY
- 24—GRADUATION, Gym (7:00)



Guidance Notes—May

Tom Magan, Guidance Counselor

We would like to thank our local scholarship sponsors for their generous donations to our senior class. Listed below are the scholarships that will be given this year. Several have not been decided. Updated lists will be emailed on May 10th, May 13th, and May 15th. The scholarship recognition ceremony will be held on May 15th from 3:00 to 5:00. Students will be notified concerning picture times.



Kristin Emmick	All "A" Classic
Yasmani Ochoa	All "A" Classic
Lisa Williamson	All "A" Classic
Katelynn Evans	All "A" Classic
Bradley Chapman	AWR Storage
DaKendra Rice	Bridgewater Medical
Victoria Shaffer	Cattleman's Association
Ethan DeWitt	Cheri Westerfield Burbach Memorial
Emily Bender	EJ Pawn Shop
Katelynn Evans	Estes Behavioral Health
Allison Dwyer	HCHS Art Club
Morgan Martin	HCHS Beta Club
Kristen Ogle	HCHS Volleyball
Kristen Ogle	HCHS Yearbook
Yasmani Ochoa	Independence Bank
Dylan Brown	Independence Bank
Dylan Brown	J. Rogers Badgett
Lauren Burk	J. Rogers Badgett
Ivey Gray	J. Rogers Badgett
Mariah Hays	J. Rogers Badgett
DaKendra Rice	J. Rogers Badgett
Brea Basham	Lewisport Lions Club
Brenna Basham	Lewisport Lions Club
Jade Garner	Lewisport Lions Club
DaKendra Rice	Norton Health Care
Desmond Clarkson	Payne Automotive

Justin Hamilton	Ray Kroc Youth Achievement
Troy Lasley	Stephen and Regina Emmick
Brenna Basham	Tom and Vivian Kewon
Justin Hamilton	Tom and Vivian Kewon
Emily Rearden	VFW
Victoria Shaffer	VFW
Dylan Brown	Youth Service Center
Kristin Emmick	Youth Service Center
Desmond Clarkson	Youth Service Center
Danica Richardson	Youth Service Center
Ryan Wilson	Youth Service Center

The following scholarships have not yet been determined:

Century Aluminum, Chamber of Commerce, Dunaway, Gemini, Hancock County Education Association, Hancock County Farm Supply, Hancock County Homemakers, HCHS Baseball, HCHS Boys Basketball, HCHS Cheerleading, HCHS Girls Basketball, HCHS JB Troutman Band, HCHS PTO, HCHS Quarterback Club, HCHS Softball, HCHS Trailblazers Cross-country, House Insurance, John D. Puckett Memorial, Knights of Columbus, Labor Management Federal Credit Union, Mason Family, Patty and Leroy Lamar, Peggy McDaniel Memorial, Ray and Betty Keown Memorial, RI Glover, South Hancock Elementary, Trina Ogle County Clerk, Wayne Brown Memorial, Wes Morris Memorial, Zumba

ACT Dates and Deadlines

ACT Fee Waiver :

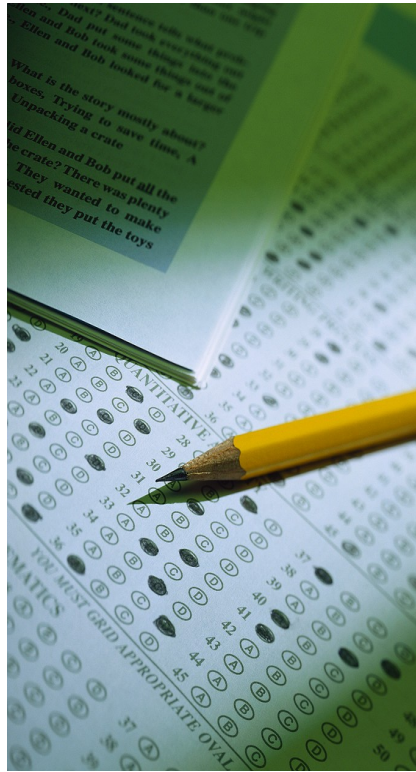
If you are a junior or senior in high school and are currently on the free/reduced lunch program, you qualify for free ACT Testing. You may receive a maximum of two free exams and can take those at any time during your junior or senior year. Please see Mr. Magan for more information.

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
June 8, 2013	May 3, 2013	May 4 – 17, 2013

Financial Aid Meetings

Financial aid representative will be at HCHS to help parents and students fill out the FAFSA and answer questions about award letters and financial packages from colleges.

May 7th from 12:00pm to 2:00pm
call Mr. Magan to set up an appointment.



AP Exam Note to Parents

On several days, students will be transported to Hawesville United Methodist Church for testing. Students will be transported to and from the site. Students will not be allowed to drive to the testing site or to be picked up there. All students will return to the high school before they are dismissed.

If your child is taking an exam that starts at 12:00, they will need to make travel arrangements on that day. Exams that start at 12:00 will be completed at approximately 4:00.

College & Career Readiness—Brad Goodall, CCR Director

The Seniors below have met the minimum requirements to be designated "College Ready." The definition for "College Ready" is meeting the ACT Benchmarks (English - 18, Math - 19, Reading - 20) at any time. A student may also be "College Ready" by meeting the requirements on the Compass test (English - 74, Math - 36, Reading - 85). Seniors have until graduation to meet their benchmarks for "College Readiness" and be included on the College / Career Readiness Display Board. Career Readiness results will not be available until mid May.

Kirk Aldridge
Morgan Atwood
Amanda Barnes
Ben Basham
Brea Basham
Brenna Basham
Samantha Bell
Jessica Bloyd
Mollie Bozarth
David Brandle
Dylan Brown
Jessica Burk
Lauren Burk
Bradley Chapman
Des Clarkson
Dylan Corley
Ethan Dewitt
Aaron Duncan
Allison Dwyer
Jacob Elder
Kristin Emmick
Kyna Finley

Jade Garner
Jarred Gillette
Justin Goins
Megan Gray
Megan Gross
Justin Hamilton
Audry Hawkins
Mariah Hays
Shelby Herode
Kaley House
Logan Howard
Kayla Hurst
Cody Inman
Kyle Jackson
Nick Jarboe
Bert Kellems
Karl Kreisle
Troy Lasley
Morgan Martin
Taran Marvel
Alex McGee
Heather Millay

Brandice Miller
Paige Miller
Jared Morris
Coreena O'Bryan
Yasmani Ochoa
Kristen Ogle
Chris Paczer
Austin Powers
Beth Rates
Emily Rearden
Dakendra Rice
Danica Richardson
Jordan Riley
Cody Roach
Grant Robinson
Victoria Shaffer
Kristen Smith
Wesley Stilwell
Alexis Stowe
Emma Thrasher
Adam Tindle
Hannah Wheatley

Dalton Whitaker
Sarah Wilborn
Ryan Wilhite
Natalee Williams
Ryan Wilson
Michael Woosley

**Congrats
Class of 2013 !**



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HCHS Mission

In order for our students to be College/Career Ready, every student is encouraged to excel in one or more of the following areas:

- - Reaching Proficiency in State and National Standards,
- - Meeting benchmarks on College and Career assessments,
- - Completing Soft Skills Certificates,
- - Challenging themselves through multiple Advanced Placement (AP) courses,
- - Engaging in extra- and co-curricular activities,
- - Attaining service hours while giving back to their community,
- - Following career pathways specific to their strengths

Premier Leadership + Personal Growth + College/Career Readiness = 21st Century *Success*

From the Athletic Office

Greetings to everyone from Hancock Co. Athletics. As the school year winds down in one hectic blaze of activity, we find all of our spring sports teams in the same mode. Baseball, softball, track and tennis all have post-season tournaments coming up very soon and we wish each of our teams the best of luck. This year we find our baseball and softball teams hosting the District Tournaments. They will begin the week of May 20 at Vastwood Park so come and out and enjoy a huge amount of exciting post season softball and baseball action.

At the conclusion of school many sports begin summer activi-

ties. Coaches will inform the players of the dates involved. As you make your summer plans remember that the Kentucky High School Athletics Association has mandated a "Dead Period" for high school athletics in the state of Kentucky. During this time, no coach and/or player may have any high school athletic activities scheduled. That period this year is June 25 – July 9.

Thank you for your support this year and we look forward to our teams' success in the post season.

Go HORNETS!!

David Hobbs, AD

