



November 2019

## Dates to Remember:

- Nov. 7 Realtors Against Homelessness (RAH) Event  
Stonegate Banquet Centre,  
5:30 – 9:00 p.m.  
Latino Parent Meeting  
Media Center, 6:00 p.m.  
D211/D54 Choral Concert  
Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 8 Early Dismissal – 11:50 a.m.  
IHSA Boys State Soccer Tournament
- Nov. 9 IHSA Boys State Soccer  
Tournament
- Nov. 12 HEHS Parent Advisory Council  
Media Center, 6:00 p.m.  
H.E.L.P Board Meeting  
Principal's Conference Room,  
7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 13 Cap & Gown  
Measurement Day
- Nov. 15 Fall Play  
Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 16 Winter Athletic Pictures #1  
Main Gym, 8:00 a.m.  
Fall Play  
Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 18 Winter Meet the Team Night  
Main Gym, 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 19 National Honor  
Society Induction  
Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL: JOSH SCHUMACHER

### Scheduling Information for 2020-2021

Even though we are only three months into our 2019-2020 school year, we have already begun to plan for next year. All students will meet with their counselors during the months of December and January to discuss course selections for the 2020-2021 school year. This is a very important process, and we want you to understand and be prepared to support your student as they make decisions about their future.

When we enter into the course selection process, one of the most important considerations that we take into account is that the selections fulfill our District 211 graduation requirements. We also believe that students planning to pursue collegiate or immediate career plans ensure that the courses that they select prepare them for their preferred option. Finally, we highly recommend that students enroll in at least one Advanced Placement (AP) or Dual Credit (DC) course during their junior and senior year.

Parents play a key role in this process. We recommend that you discuss the course selection process with your son or daughter and encourage him or her to give careful thought to their course selection. We have a number of resources for both students and parents to help guide your conversations:

[District 211 Graduation Requirements](#)  
[District 211 College Majors & Career Clusters](#) (Career Pathways)  
[District 211 College Planning Guide](#)  
[District 211 Curriculum Guide](#)

Please encourage your student to consult with their teachers and counselor if they have questions. Your son or daughter will be meeting individually with his or her counselor to choose their courses. Current sophomores and juniors will have an individual meeting with their counselor in December, while freshman will meet with their counselors in early January 2020. During this time, counselors discuss post-high school plans, will review the graduation requirements, share any teacher recommendations, and collaborate with your student to finalize their course selection.

Initial student course selections will be mailed to parents on January 24th, 2020. This is an opportunity for you to review the courses that your son or daughter has selected and to make any final changes to their selections for the 2020-2021 school year. If you wish to request a change in your student's course selection, please submit your request in writing to your student's counselor. The deadline to make changes to your student's course selection is Friday, January 31st, 2020; after this date, no other schedule changes may be made until the summer 2020 via counselor appointment. It should also be noted that summer course changes are based on course seat availability.

If at any time you have questions regarding the course selection process, please contact your son or daughter's counselor at (847)-755-5630.

Sincerely,

Josh Schumacher  
Principal



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

- Nov. 21 Winter Orchestra Concert  
Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 22 Blood Drive  
West Shelf, 7:30 – 2:00 p.m.
- Nov. 23 D211 Varsity Speech  
Team Turkey Tournament  
HEHS, 7:00 a.m.
- Nov. 26 Winter Athletic Pictures #2  
Main Gym, 3:00 p.m.
- Nov. 27 - 29 Non-Attendance  
Day – No School
- Nov. 30 Breakfast with Santa  
Cafeteria, 10:00 a.m.
- Dec. 3 Winter Choral Concert  
Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 5 Winter Band Concert  
Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 7 SAT Testing HEHS, 8:00 a.m.
- Dec. 10 Incoming Freshman Student/  
Parent Night HEHS, 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 11 Senior Portraits, 11:00 a.m.
- Dec. 13 Madrigal Dinner  
Cafeteria, 8:00 p.m.
- Dec. 14 Madrigal Dinner  
Cafeteria, 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 18 Final Exams  
Blocks 1A, 2A, 3A  
Early Dismissal – 12:20 p.m.
- Dec. 19 Final Exams  
Blocks 1B, 2B, 3B  
Early Dismissal – 12:20 p.m.
- Dec. 20 Final Exams  
Blocks 4A, 4B  
Early Dismissal – 10:40 a.m.
- Dec. 23 - Jan. 3 Winter Vacation –  
NO SCHOOL
- Jan. 6 Teacher Institute Day  
– No Classes
- Jan. 7 First Day of Classes –  
Second Semester

## **Athletic Updates:**

### **Winter Athletic Reminder**

Any student-athlete interested in trying out for a winter athletic team must be registered online through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal under “Extracurricular Registration” by the tryout date of your winter sport, and have a current physical filed with the nurse’s office before your sport begins. To register, please access the Infinite Campus Parent Portal at <https://campus.d211.org/campus/portal/township.jsp>. Please see the athletic website for start dates of winter sports: <http://www.hoffmanestates.portal.rschoolday.com/>.

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## **Community Connections:**

### **Hawks’ Nest**

The Hawks’ Nest is a resource available to Hoffman students and families that are in need. The Hawks’ Nest has received donations of food, hygiene products, household products, clothing, as well as monetary donations and school related supplies. The Hawks’ Nest also serves as a food pantry, and families in need are welcome to access the food pantry at Hoffman Estates High School. All referrals remain confidential. For more information or to make a donation, please contact Jennifer Nieft, Andres Acosta, or Maggie King, Social Workers, in the Student Services Department at (847) 755-5630.

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## **5Essentials Online Survey**

High School District 211 will administer the *5Essentials* Survey, a tool used to assess school climate and meet a survey mandate by the Illinois State Board of Education. The *5Essentials* Survey will provide meaningful data to District 211, including people’s perceptions about the effectiveness of school leadership, collaboration amongst teachers, involvement of families, environmental supports, and ambitiousness of instruction. The parent portal for the survey opened on Thursday, October 24th. We are asking that all parents take part in this survey. The link is available on our HEHS website.

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## **Illinois Youth Survey**

Since 1990, the State of Illinois has supported schools’ use of the Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) to gather information about a variety of health and social indicators including substance abuse patterns and attitudes of Illinois youth. The IYS is given every other year to students in grades 8, 10, and 12 during the school day and takes approximately 45 minutes for students to complete. During the second semester, Palatine High School will be participating in this school year’s administration of the IYS which will provide us with important information about our school’s students and the specific types of supports they may need. Parents of current sophomores and seniors will receive more detailed information about the IYS in the coming weeks.

## **Semester Exam Schedule**

<b>Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup></b>
1A Exam 7:30 am - 9:00 am 2A Exam 9:10 am - 10:40 am 3A Exam 10:50 am - 12:20 pm	1B Exam 7:30 am - 9:00 am 2B Exam 9:10 am - 10:40 am 3B Exam 10:50 am - 12:20 pm	4A Exam 7:30 am - 9:00 am 4B Exam 9:10 am - 10:40 am

*Winter Vacation begins at the close of school on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.  
School resumes on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020.*

## The Power of 15

During the months of December & January, your son or daughter will take part in the course scheduling process for the 2020-2021 school year. I want to encourage you to speak with your son or daughter about this process, their individual interests, and their desired courses for next year.

I strongly recommend that students consider taking an Advanced Placement (AP) or dual-credit (DC) course during their sophomore, junior, and senior years. Around Hoffman, we talk a lot about a concept known as the ‘Power of 15.’ This refers to our effort to have every student enroll in and earn 15 college credit hours (typically 5 high school courses) during their four-year high school career. Our AP and DC courses give students the opportunity to earn these 15 hours of college credit in a safe, supportive environment to experience college-level coursework and academic rigor.

Hoffman Estates High School currently offers over 30 different AP courses across multiple departments and levels. We also offer over 20 DC courses in collaboration with Harper College, the University of Illinois, and several other colleges and universities. The full list of these courses can be found below.

<b>ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES OFFERED AT HEHS</b>	
AP Art History	AP Music Theory
AP Studio Art (2D)	AP Studio Art (3D)
AP Studio Art (Drawing)	AP English Language & Composition
AP English Literature & Composition	AP Statistics
AP European History	AP Human Geography
AP Macroeconomics	
AP Psychology	AP US Government & Politics
AP Computer Science A	AP Computer Science Principles
AP Biology	AP Calculus BC
AP Calculus AB	AP Chemistry
AP US History	AP World History
AP Environmental Science	AP Physics 1
AP Physics 2	AP Physics C
AP Seminar	AP Research
AP French Language & Culture	AP German Language & Culture
AP Spanish Language & Culture	AP Spanish Literature & Culture

<b>DUAL-CREDIT COURSES OFFERED AT HEHS</b>	
Art in Contemporary Society	
Biology 2	Anatomy & Physiology
Electronics Technology I	
Technology Apps	
Accounting I Financial	QuickBooks
College Composition	
Culinary Arts	Japanese
Fashion Construction IS 2	Design IS 2
PLTW Digital Electronics	
Advanced ECE IS 2	
Spanish 4	
Automotive Tech 2	
Advanced Algebra 2 / Pre-Calculus	
Quantitative Literacy	
Health Career Exploration & Medical Terminology	
Multi-Variable Calculus	
Culinary Arts IS 2	
Nursing Assistant Training	
Fundamentals of Speech	

# Principal's SPOTLIGHT

## Harper College Promise Scholarship

The Harper College Promise Scholarship provides Hoffman Estates High School students the opportunity to earn up to two years of tuition-free coursework at Harper College upon high school graduation. Applications for the Promise Scholarship program are accepted during the first semester of a student's freshman year of high school and eligibility requirements become effective during the second semester of freshman year. Most HEHS freshman were enrolled in this program during school registration at the beginning of this year.

Please review the eligibility requirements to maintain participation in the program through all four years of high school. A summary of these requirements can be found below:

### Freshman Year (2nd Semester):

Attendance <sup>1</sup>	Rigor/Quality <sup>2</sup>	Persistence <sup>3</sup>	Community Service <sup>4</sup>
Have 5 or less absences (excused or unexcused)	Maintain a 2.0 or higher GPA	Earn a minimum of 4 credits	Complete 5 hours of community service prior to July 2020

### Sophomore Year:

Attendance <sup>1</sup>	Rigor/Quality <sup>2</sup>	Persistence <sup>3</sup>	Community Service <sup>4</sup>
Have 9 or less absences (excused or unexcused)	Maintain a 2.25 or higher GPA	Earn a minimum of 8 credits	Complete 10 hours of community service prior to July 2020

### Junior Year:

Attendance <sup>1</sup>	Rigor/Quality <sup>2</sup>	Persistence <sup>3</sup>	Community Service <sup>4</sup>
Have 8 or less absences (excused or unexcused)	Maintain a 2.25 or higher GPA and earn no Ds or Fs	Earn a minimum of 12 credits	Complete 15 hours of community service prior to July 2020

### Senior Year:

Attendance <sup>1</sup>	Rigor/Quality <sup>2</sup>	Persistence <sup>3</sup>	Community Service <sup>4</sup>
Have 7 or less absences (excused or unexcused)	Maintain a 2.3 or higher GPA and earn no Ds or Fs	Earn a minimum of 20 credits	Complete 20 hours of community service prior to graduation

The information in this newsletter related to Harper's Promise is a summary and is only intended to give you an overview of the program. Please familiarize yourself with specific details, requirements, and deadlines at one of the following websites: <https://adc.d211.org/parentsstudents-2/scholarships/harper-college-promise-scholarship-program/> or <http://goforward.harpercollege.edu/about/promise/index.php>.

1. Absences count whether they are excused or unexcused. In addition, every three incidents of tardiness to block 1 counts as a day of absence for the purposes of this program.
2. Students must maintain the minimum annual unweighted GPA each year of high school. In addition, students must graduate high school "college ready."
3. Students must graduate on time with their class without requiring summer school after graduation.
4. Completed community service hours must be reported using the District 211 Student Readiness Plan. All hours must be entered prior to the deadline (last day of summer school at 3:00 p.m.).

## Attention Freshman Parents

### Harper College Promise Scholarship Applications are due December 15th, 2019

Most students were enrolled during school registration; however, parents are encouraged to double-check their Infinite Campus Parent Portal for confirmation that your application is complete.