



July 2019

Dates to Remember:

Aug 2	Class of 2023 Kick-Off 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Aug 8	Teacher Institute Day – No Classes
Aug 9	Teacher Institute Day – No Classes
Aug 12	Opening Day of School
Aug 13	Fall Meet the Team Night Main Gym, 7:00 p.m.
Aug 15-16	Yearbook Pictures
Aug 19	Yearbook Picture Makeup Day
Aug 20	Student Late Start 8:50 a.m.
Aug 22	College Advising & Financial Aid Night Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.
Aug 24	Fall Athletic Pictures Main Gym, 8:00 a.m.
Aug 24	SAT Test @ HEHS
Aug 29	Early Dismissal 11:50 a.m.
	Parent Open House 7:00 p.m.
Sept 2	Labor Day - No School

FROM THE PRINCIPAL: JOSH SCHUMACHER

Summer break gives us the opportunity to renew and refresh. I hope that you have had the opportunity to make many positive memories with your family and friends over the last few weeks. The upcoming start of the new school year brings a fresh start and new opportunities for both students and staff. Our HEHS staff will start this year with these specific goals in mind:

*Increasing student learning
Ensuring college/career readiness for all students
Reinforcing our school-wide culture of involvement
Improving student social-emotional wellness*

We also know that both you and your student will start the school year with specific goals in mind. We encourage you to take the time over the next few weeks to have a discussion with your student about their goals for the 2019-2020 school year. A great way to organize these goals is to utilize the District 211 Student Readiness Plan (SRP). We highly encourage your student to develop yearly goals based on the components of the plan, which include: Academic Readiness, College & Career Exploration, Student Involvement, Global Competitive Skills, and Wellness. Please consider logging into the SRP website (www.d211studentreadiness.org) to review current progress and record goals.

Our collaboration together as a partnership is necessary to reach our collective goals. We believe that parent involvement is instrumental in student success and we desire to communicate and connect with you on a regular basis. Educational research has identified several factors that can make the difference between a successful high school experience and an unsuccessful high school experience. One of those factors is parent involvement, and this is particularly true for high school students. We will work diligently to reach out to you in multiple formats, but also want to share with you some tips on how to stay involved in your student's high school experience.

Tip #1: Communicate with our teachers, counselors, coaches, and sponsors. All HEHS staff members have email addresses and individual voicemail accounts. We encourage you to email or call our staff to discuss any and all aspects of your student's high school experience. A full staff listing, including email addresses and voicemail numbers, can be found at this link: [HEHS Staff Contact Information](#).

Tip #2: Stay updated with current attendance and grade information through our student information system called Infinite Campus. The link to login to your parent account can be found on our school website or accessed directly through this link: [Infinite Campus Portal](#). You can also download an Infinite Campus app on your phone (I highly recommend this). This app will provide you with an even easier way to receive grade and attendance updates.

Tip #3: Attend as many school events as you can! Your presence at an athletic event, music concert, theatre production, or parent meeting demonstrates your support of your student's high school experience. You also have the opportunity to show your support to other students, other parents, and our staff. We love seeing you at our events!

When you receive this newsletter, we will have approximately three weeks left of summer. The first day of school is Monday, August 12th. We look forward to providing another year of extraordinary opportunities, excellent teaching, and exceptional learning environments for our students.

Sincerely,

Josh Schumacher
Principal



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

Dates to Remember (cont)

Sept 3	Student Late Start 8:50 a.m.
Sept 6	Fall Blood Drive 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Sept 12	Choral Concert Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
Sept 17	Student Late Start 8:50 a.m.
Sept 19	Talent Show 3:00 p.m.
Sept 20-21	Talent Show 7:00 p.m.

Meet the Team/Chemical Awareness Night

Township High School District 211 mandates that all student-athletes and parents attend a “Meet the Team/Chemical Awareness Night.” The fall Meet the Team/Chemical Awareness Night will be on Tuesday, August 13, 2019, in the main gym at 7:00 pm. The evening will begin with a presentation regarding expectations, rules, regulations, and procedures. Following the presentation in the main gym, each athletic team will meet with the fall head coach who will outline and highlight their individual program and address questions. Please understand that attendance at the Meet the Team/Chemical Awareness Night is mandatory for parents and student-athletes and is vital to the athletic program’s success. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mr. Steve Lacni, Athletic Director, at 847-755-5770.

Athletic Updates:

Fall Athletic Reminder: Any student-athlete interested in trying out for a fall athletic team must register online on the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#) and have a current physical filed with the nurses’ office by Friday, August 2nd.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

First Day of School Monday, August 12 th	IHSA Fall Sports Begin Monday, August 12 th
Parent Open House Thursday, August 29 th	Student Late Start Tuesday, August 20 th Tuesday, September 3 rd Tuesday, September 17 th

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND EVENTS...

Student Registration 2019-2020 Please register your student for this school year using the Infinite Campus Portal (through Sunday, August 4 th) Walk-in registration will be held Monday, July 22 nd through Friday, July 26 th	IHSA Fall Sports All students must register to compete on our athletic teams. Parents are encouraged to register students for fall sports using the Infinite Campus Portal by Friday, August 2 nd (click on extracurricular registration)
Freshman iPad Pickup Incoming freshman can pick up their school-issued iPad from Monday, July 22 nd to Friday, July 26 th (students must be fully registered for school prior to picking up their iPad)	Class of 2023 Kick-off 2019 We highly recommend that all incoming freshman attend Kick-off 2019. This event will be held on Friday, August 2 nd from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. (Please RSVP using this link)
Principal’s Advisory Board This is an opportunity to meet directly with the Principal on a quarterly basis. We host collaborative discussions regarding HEHS initiatives and programs. This is also an opportunity to have a voice in the decision-making processes that shape the future of HEHS. (The first meeting of the 2019-2020 school year is Tuesday, September 10 th , 2019)	College Advising & Financial Aid Night Parents of senior students are encouraged to attend the College Advising & Financial Aid Night on Thursday, August 22 nd from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.



Principal's SPOTLIGHT



SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY

Our highest priority in District 211 is to provide a safe, secure learning environment for your student. We have developed a comprehensive security plan at Hoffman Estates High School that includes an array of established safety measures. We utilize an emergency management cycle as a framework for prevention, preparation, response, and recovery measures in the event of an emergency incident. While each component of this plan is essential, the most effective preventative measure resides in our people. Students, parents, and staff members are often the first people to have access to critical information about school safety, including concerning statements, actions or threatening communications. We rely on our entire school community to communicate information directly to our administrative team. It is critically important to us that you report any troubling comment, action, or exchange related to our school to us immediately. We have a variety of ways for you to report concerns to us. Please review the information below to learn more about our safety measures.

How to Report a Concern

Students, parents, and staff members can report any concern directly to a school administrator in person, by email or through a phone call. You can also anonymously report a concern by utilizing the [‘Safety Concern’](#) link on our school website. Our staff members actively monitor these submissions, and we investigate each report thoroughly. Each student’s District 211 issued iPad also have a quick link ‘app’ that they can utilize to report safety concerns.

Our Response to Reported Concerns

When we receive a safety concern report through our website, we immediately activate teams of staff members to investigate and

respond to issues. At Hoffman Estates High School, we have teams of administrators, counselors, social workers, and psychologists who are able to identify and respond to an array of concerning situations. We are also fortunate to have the immediate assistance of our school resource officer and the entire Hoffman Estates Police Department if necessary. Finally, we also work in partnership with many local agencies, including hospitals, crisis workers, and therapists to ensure that student and families have access to mental health experts that can provide continued assistance.

As mentioned above, the most effective preventative measures of school safety and security resides in our people. We are fortunate to have an armed police officer present on our campus at all times during the school day. In addition to the school day, our officer is present at many of our large after-school events and athletic contests. You may also notice police cars or uniformed police officers on our school grounds or in our school at different times during the school day. Please do not be alarmed by their presence, as we work closely with the Hoffman Estates Police Department to ensure that every officer is familiar with our school building, school procedures, and day-to-day processes. We are grateful for their support and collaboration to ensure the safety and security of our students and staff.

We want you to know that we are committed to ensure that each school day is safe for our students and staff members. We also want to reiterate our reliance on you, parents and students, to report any potential concerns immediately to a school administrator. Our collaboration and connection makes a difference and is essential in maintaining a safe school.

No food deliveries to school beginning with 2019-2020 school year

School safety and security continues to be of utmost priority. We continue to work with local law enforcement partners to evaluate and assess our practices so that we may improve and adapt to changing conditions. Every year, we conduct comprehensive safety assessments and one emerging concern that we have identified pertains to food deliveries to students during the school day.

With online food delivery services such as Uber Eats, DoorDash, and Grubhub gaining popularity, we have experienced an increase in food deliveries to students during lunch hours. As a result of the increase in such deliveries, our supervision staff is being diverted from their primary responsibilities and having to manage what has become a high volume of food deliveries. The increase in this non-essential traffic challenges our supervision staff’s ability to observe and monitor entrances, supervise those entering and exiting the building, and effectively manage visitors with legitimate school business. Further, with the increasing variety of app-based delivery services, it has become challenging to verify the identity and background of all delivery drivers entering our school buildings.

Due to these concerns and the reported disruptions these deliveries cause, beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, schools will no longer accept food deliveries for students during the school day. Parents and guardians are still able to make deliveries, but individual and small delivery orders from local restaurants and third-party food delivery services will no longer be permitted. Deliveries after school hours will not be impacted.

We will continue to assess our practices and find additional ways to enhance safety and security measures throughout our schools, and appreciate your cooperation as these improvements are implemented.