



Henry County High School Senior Newsletter

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- HCHS scholarship information now available on the counseling webpage.
- Scholarship web-sites are available in the counseling office for minority students!
- Continue to use FastWeb and GA College 411 for research of colleges and scholarships.

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SENIOR TIDBITS

END OF THE SEMESTER INFORMATION:

The end of first semester is rapidly approaching. The last day of the semester is December 20. The holiday break will begin on December 23-January 6. Second semester will begin on January 7, 2014. Please take some time during the holidays to continue your scholarship and college searches.

FINAL EXAMS: Final exams will be given on Monday, December 16-Friday, December 20, 2013. The final exam schedule is below:

- Monday, December 16**
2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.- 7th period exam
- Tuesday, December 17**
2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.-8th period exam

Wednesday, December 18

- 8:40 a.m.-10:10 a.m.- 1st period exam
- 10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.- 2nd period exam
- 11:50 a.m.-1:55 p.m.- dismissal for approved students

Thursday, December 19

- 8:40 a.m.-10:10 a.m.- 3rd period exam
- 10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.- 4th period exam
- 11:50 a.m.-1:55 p.m.- dismissal for approved students

Friday, December 20

- 8:40 a.m.-10:10 a.m.- 5th period exam
- 10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.-6th period exam
- 11:50 a.m.-1:55 p.m.- dismissal for approved students

The final exam schedule can be found on the counseling

webpage and it will also be sent in the December senior e-mail blast.

FINAL EXAM EARLY RELEASE POLICY:

All students who plan to leave school early after final exams, must have already submitted an early release permission form signed by their parents. The deadline has passed to submit the early release forms!!! Early release begins on Wednesday, December 18. Students who leave school without permission will be written up for skipping.

SENIOR FEES / ORDERING CAP AND GOWN

Reminder: The graduation fees for 2014 are \$100. Herff Jones will begin its Senior Late Order Program on Saturday, December 21, 2013. This means that additional fees will be added to your graduation fees if you do not pay them before that date or at least make an \$80

by December 20. Please contact Herff Jones at (770) 921-9022 or visit the website www.herffjonesgrad.com to pay your graduation fees and to order optional senior announcements and etc. Please utilize the counseling webpage for additional Senior Information. If you have

questions or concerns, please see your counselor. Do not wait until the last minute to pay these fees!



SAT / ACT REGISTRATION

SAT Registration

TEST DATE	Regular Dead-line	Late Registration
Jan. 25, 2014	December 27, 2014	Jan. 10, 2014
Mar. 8, 2014	February 7, 2014	Feb. 21
May 3, 2014	April 4, 2014	April 18
June 7, 2014	May 9, 2014	May 23

ACT Registration

TEST DATE	Regular Dead-line	Late Registration
February 8, 2014	January 10, 2014	Jan. 11-24
April 12, 2014	March 7, 2014	Mar. 8-21
June 14, 2014	May 9, 2014	May 10-23

Online registration is recommended for the SAT and ACT because we have very few paper registration packets in the counseling office. You can register for the SAT at www.collegeboard.com. You can register for the ACT at www.actstudent.org. A major credit/debit card is required for you to register online. All colleges/universities require you to have an SAT or an ACT score when you complete college applications; so you need to go ahead and register to take the test soon!!! Do not procrastinate! If you have any additional questions, refer to your senior planning packet or visit the counseling office.

SENIOR SHOUT OUTS

If you have been accepted to a college/university or if you have enlisted in the military, please submit a copy of your acceptance or enlistment papers to the counseling office so that we can send you a SHOUT-OUT in the senior newsletter, the counseling bulletin board, and the counseling webpage. Also, if you are awarded a scholarship, we also want to know about it so please submit the letter indicating that you have earned it. We really want to share your accomplishments! SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR ACCEPTANCE LETTER, ENLISTMENT PAPERS, AND/OR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS TO THE COUNSELING OFFICE!!!!

Congratulations to the following seniors:

Tekeysia Alston has been accepted to Kennesaw State University!!
 Kaila Anderson has been accepted to the University of Georgia!!
 Raijuennea Baron has enlisted in the United States Army!!
 Juaneiqua Bridges will be cancer free for seven years on December 19!!! What a blessing!!
 Damien Brown has enlisted in the United States Marine Corps!!
 Dinah Gibson has been accepted to Brenau University!!
 Jessica Idaewor has been accepted to the University of Georgia!!
 Kirsten Slocumb has been accepted to Columbus State University!!



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

December 16-20, 2013: 1st Semester final exams
December 20, 2013: End of 1st semester
December 21, 2013: Herff Jones late order program begins for senior fees
December 23, 2013-January 6, 2014: Holiday Break
January 7, 2014: 1st day of second semester

UPCOMING SENIOR ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP: A financial aid workshop will be held on **Monday, January 27, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Henry County High School Performing Arts Center.** This workshop will cover financial aid topics such as completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), HOPE Scholarship, and other pertinent information. This should be a very informative workshop for parents who are anticipating having a freshman in college during the 2014-2015 school year. The FAFSA is the main financial aid application that must be completed to determine all sources of financial aid. The application becomes available after January 1. It is strongly recommended that parents complete their 2013 income tax return as soon as possible because the information will be necessary to complete this federal application. All parents should complete this application even if you do not think that your child will be able to receive financial aid. In the past, this workshop has been poorly attended by HCHS senior parents. We are trying to bridge the communication gap to make sure that our parents are informed. Please make plans to attend! In February, our parent involvement coordinator will host a workshop that will allow parents to get additional help in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. More information is forthcoming regarding this helpful workshop.

SCHOLARSHIPS: During the holidays, we strongly encourage students to continue to work on scholarship applications. The December scholarship directory is attached for your convenience. We have several scholarship applications in the counseling office. There are very few seniors who have been picking up these applications. It takes work to get scholarships; however, it pays off if it helps to reduce tuition costs. Tuition hikes for Georgia public colleges and universities are anticipated for Fall 2014. Students should take advantage of all of the financial aid resources that are available to help offset rising tuition costs. The scholarship directory is posted on the counseling webpage and was also sent in the December senior monthly e-mail blast.

CREDIT RECOVERY: All students who are taking or need to complete credit recovery with Mr. Harvey must continue to work to stay on track to complete the course that you are trying to make-up. Remember, this is a FREE opportunity for you to make up courses. If you have not already registered to complete a credit recovery course, you need to see Mr. Harvey ASAP. This is your responsibility!!! Do not wait until the last minute to do what is necessary for you to fulfill graduation requirements.

REMINDERS

If you made a down payment on a yearbook you must pay your remaining balance by December 20. If not, your balance will increase as the price of the book increases. The yearbook is currently \$60 and will increase to \$65 on January 1. The deadline to have your yearbook engraved with your name is January 7, 2014. The cost is \$6 extra.

HAVE A SAFE AND WONDERFUL SEMESTER BREAK!!!!

