



# Hampshire High School Newsletter



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## From the Principal's Desk

Dear HHS Community:

I write this newsletter article at the start of the second term of the school year. We completed final exams on Friday and report cards will be coming out within the next week. We have completed all fall sports and start winter sports practices this week and next week. The weekend of November 13th we will be hosting the annual fall play. This month is full of opportunities for parents to visit the school and learn more about school improvement, their student's schedule options, and financial aid for college possibilities.

On November 17th we will have our monthly School Improvement Team Meeting that will update progress on the plan and will also include information on helping your student choose a rigorous schedule that will better prepare them for life after high

school. On Wednesday the 18th we will host a financial aid seminar to talk about funding options for college. Finally, on the 19th, we will host our Curriculum Fair, where you can come and visit with staff and ask questions about course offering that your student may be interesting in taking during the 2010-2011 school year. There is more information on all three of these events on page 4 of this newsletter.

We have been very pleased with the results and work of our staff on the late arrival days. We have two of those scheduled this month, on two Mondays, the 9th and the 30th. You can follow our progress on our website under late arrivals. Last month at late arrivals we spent time writing ACT style questions to include in classroom instruction. In November we will be reviewing the results



from the recently completed final exams to better understand the strengths and opportunities for improvement with our students. Please take time to read the divisional message this month, which is located directly under this article. Please try the problems on page 2. These are real examples of questions your student is expected to solve during testing their junior year..... how did you do???? As always, contact me with any **q u e s t i o n s** at [chuck.bumbales@d300.org](mailto:chuck.bumbales@d300.org).

Sincerely,

Chuck Bumbales  
Principal

## November

Late Start 9:45 am - PD Day	9
School Improvement Meeting 7:00 pm	17
Financial Aid Seminar 7:00 pm	18
Curriculum Night 6:30 - 8:00 pm	19
No School Parent/Teacher Conferences 11 am - 8 pm	23
No School Parent/Teacher Conferences 8 - 10 am	24
No Student Attendance	25
Thanksgiving Recess	26-27
Late Start 9:45 am - PD Day	30

## HHS Division Chairs

Teachers met on October 26 to develop questions to assess students' progress on mastering the "Must-Knows" of the courses they are taking. Teachers developed questions to use as Bell-Ringers (warm-ups), quizzes, and on unit assessments. These questions focused on College Readiness Skills for the four core content areas (English, Reading, Math, Science). *On page 2 you will see examples of a question from each of the content areas.* Reading has been excluded due to the length of those passages.

At the October School-Improvement meeting, the HHS School-Improvement Plan was discussed as well as the break-downs of data from standardized testing of our Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors from school year 08-09. The November School Improvement Meeting will be held on November 17 at 7:00 pm and will focus on upcoming registration for students and the selection of classes for 2010-2011.

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**Science:**

Student 3

In tomato plants, stem color is determined by 1 gene (Gene C). Gene C has 3 alleles (C1, C2, and C3). Each tomato plant receives 1 Gene C from each parent. Table 3 shows the 6 possible genotypes and the phenotype for stem color that results from each genotype.

Genotype	Phenotype
C1C1	Purple
C1C2	Green
C1C3	Purple
C2C2	Green
C2C3	Green
C3C3	Green

Based on Student 3’s model, which of the following crosses will most likely result in the highest percent of purple-stemmed offspring?

- A. C1C2x C1C1
- B. C1C3x C1C1
- C. C2C2x C2C2
- D. C2C3x C2C2

**Math:**

The function  $p(q) = q^2 - 7$  and  $f(s) = 9$ . If  $2f(s) = p(q)$ , what is the value of  $q$ ?

- (A) 2
- (B) 3
- (C) 4
- (D) 5
- (E) 6

**English:**

In the passage below, certain words and phrases are underlined and numbered. Choose the alternative that best expresses the idea, makes the statement appropriate for standard written English, or is worded most consistently with the style and tone of the passage as a whole. If you think the original version is best, choose “NO CHANGE”.

In order to achieve the highest degree of success, one must discover the most effective way in

(1)

which one learns and studies. Not everyone has the same learning style neither will they study

(2)

with the same style. One type of student, an auditory learner, retains the most information by

(3)

sitting and listening another type of student, a visual learner, needs to see information presented

(4)

in order to commit the material to memory. Kinesthetic learners are people who physically must be actively involved in applying the skill to be learned. Identifying one’s learning style is an

(5)

important step toward academic success.

3. (5) A. NO CHANGE

- B. Kinesthetic learners must be physically and actively involved in their learning.
- C. Being physically and actively involved is what kinesthetic learners need.
- D. In order to apply skills necessary to be learned, people who learn physically and actively are kinesthetic learners.

Consider how you would fare if asked these questions! These are the types of skills that our students are being asked to practice on a daily basis.

As always, please contact us if you have any questions. If you would like the answers to the above questions, please email Nate or Geoff!



## HHS Athletics

We are winding up an excellent fall season of sports here at Hampshire High School. As of October 23 we have won conference championships in girls golf and volleyball. Girls tennis won their IHSA Sectional title. Both cross country teams have had great seasons and boys soccer had a record of 13-7-1. Boys golf qualified for sectional for the first time in school history while football thrilled their fans with an overtime win on homecoming. Also congratulations to state golf qualifiers Connie and Taylor Ellett and tennis state qualifiers Kate Houghland, Kelsey Burke, Vanassa Patthana. The Fall Awards Night is November 4 at 7:30 pm.

Tryout for girls basketball begins November 2 while boys basketball and wrestling begin November 9. Athletes must complete registration including the participation fees before tryouts begin. We will have our winter parent meeting on November 17 at 6 pm in the Auditorium. The next Booster Club meeting will be November 10 at 7 pm.



## Nurse's Notes

Dear Parent,

As you may know, flu can be easily spread from person to person. Therefore, we are taking steps to reduce the spread of flu at Hampshire HS. Here are a few things you can do to help.

- Children should wash their hands often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub. You can set a good example by doing this yourself.
- Remind your children not to share personal items like drinks, food or unwashed utensils, and to cover their coughs and sneezes with tissues. Covering their cough and sneezes using the elbow, arm or sleeve instead of the hand when a tissue is unavailable.
- Know the signs and symptoms of the flu. Symptoms of the flu include fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit, 37.8 degrees Celsius or greater), cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and feeling very tired. Some people may also vomit or have diarrhea.
- Keep sick children at home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have fever or do not have signs of fever, without using fever-reducing drugs. Keeping children with a fever at home will reduce the number of people who may get infected.
- Do not send children to school if they are sick. Any children who are determined to be sick while at school will be sent home.

For more information, visit [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov), for the most current information about the flu. For more information about flu in our community visit the Kane County Health Department web site or the District 300 web site. We will notify you of any additional changes to our school's strategy to prevent the spread of flu. Sincerely, Michelle Kilgallen, RN

## Veteran's Day



Hampshire High School will be in session on November 11. It will be a day where we will honor the military men and women who have served our nation. The theme for the day will be

*"Honoring the Veteran's of Hampshire."*

We ask local veterans to contact history teacher Mr. Dennis Maher at 847-792-3686. We want to stress the importance of this day to our student body in a manner where it will be remembered and honored.

### Dear District 300 Families,

**In honor of Veterans Day** the Para educators of District 300 will be collecting the following items to send to the men and women serving our country. We have many employees with family members serving and these are items that they are not able to get on their own. The collection starts on the first day of school and will run until Veterans Day. There are collection boxes in each school office for your donation. Your donation will be greatly appreciated by District 300 Para educators and our troops overseas. This is a wonderful way to thank the troops for all they sacrifice.

Pens, paper, playing cards, Crayons/ coloring books, magazines, hard candy, gum, rice krispy treats, powdered drink mixes, tea, trail mix, beef Jerky, Slim Jims, peanuts, sunflower seeds, facial cleansing pads, wet wipes, eye drops, lip balm, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo/ conditioner, sun block, foot powder (gold bond), feminine products, bug spray, Ziploc baggies.

**Last day to drop off your donation is November 11.** DESA would like to thank everyone for their generosity thus far. Their donations will help brighten the day of a serviceman or servicewoman.

Thank you- Michele Meyer



## Financial Aid Night 2009

**November 18 at 7:00 pm**

The second annual HHS Financial Aid Night will be held on Wednesday, November 18 from 7 to 8 pm in the library. If you are new to the financial aid process, this event should not be missed. Our speaker will be the Harper College Director of Student Financial Aid, Mr. Earl Dowling. He will be discussing types of financial aid, strategies to maximize your award, and how to apply for scholarships, grants, and loans. The information you receive can be applied to both public and private educational institutions. A question and answer session will also be conducted following Mr. Dowling's presentation. Parents and students are strongly encouraged to attend together because financing college is a family effort. Please RSVP to Jan Presz at 847-792-3504 if you plan on attending.

## School Improvement Meeting

**November 17 at 7:00 pm**

This month's school improvement meeting will have two topics. First, we will review the latest school report card for HHS that was released last Friday. It provides information on how HHS students scored on the most recent round of PSAE exams and provides the focus for our school improvement goals and activities. The second topic will be helping your student make appropriate choices when the sign-up for their academic courses for the 2010-2011 school year. We will discuss your role as a parent in this process and how you can help your student through these selections. Our guidance staff will be joining us for this presentation.



## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, November 23 from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm (no appointments between 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm) and Tuesday, November 24 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am To make an appointment with your student's teacher(s) go to [www.ptcwizard.com](http://www.ptcwizard.com) starting on Monday, November 9. You have until Friday, November 20, 2009 to set up your appointment. If you have any questions or don't have access to a computer to schedule the conferences yourself, please call the high school office at 847-792-3500 for assistance.



## Art Department

NIU student art show November 2-14 at the NIU Art Building, second floor. Reception is November 14 10:30-12:00 where everyone is invited to view students work from surrounding High Schools and receive awards. Come see this outstanding exhibit of student work, where only the best artwork is chosen for display

## Post Prom Committee Meeting



**November 5 at 7:00 pm**

Plans for Post Prom 2010 are underway. The next post prom committee meeting will be held on Thursday, November 5, at 6:30 pm in the main office conference room. All junior parents are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please contact the high school office at (847) 792-3500 to leave a message for Chuck or Tammy Rath or Janine Steffen.

## Curriculum Night

**November 19 from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm**

This evening is a chance for parents AND students to visit with staff and ask questions about course offerings for the upcoming school year. Students will be making course choices in the month of December. This night allows parents and students to talk to instructors, visit classrooms, and then work together to make course selections that will make for a rigorous and challenging schedule for the 2010-2011 school year. The D300 Curriculum Guide is available to view at [www.d300.org/schools/hhs](http://www.d300.org/schools/hhs).



## Food Drive

Paws for a Cause, the National Honor Society and Student Council have partnered together to help others this November. From November 16 thru November 20, we will be collecting non-perishable items for the Burlington-Hampshire Area Food Pantry and pet food for the Animal House Shelter in Huntley. If you would like to donate, please bring your donation to the main office. Thank you for your help.



## Yearbook

The yearbook staff is always in need of pictures for the yearbook. Please send digital photos to [nicole.coover@d300.org](mailto:nicole.coover@d300.org)



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