



## September

Late start 9:45 am - 14  
PD Day

Registration deadline for 17  
PSAT/NMSQT test

Registration deadline for 18  
ACT test

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- School Improvement

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## From The Principal's Desk

Dear HHS Community:

Welcome to the start of another school year. We have had a very productive and successful start to the school year. This year we have an opening enrollment of 1,015 students, which is approximately 155 students more than last school year. We have added 15 additional full-time and part-time teaching staff along with some new non-certified staff.

This school year our main goal is to engage students and parents in the particular details of their individual academic achievement. As an example, in the upcoming weeks, all parents of current sophomores, juniors, and seniors will receive an explanation of their stu-

dent's test results from last May's PLAN, IACT, and ACT/PSAE tests. Starting next week the guidance staff will be meeting in groups with all sophomores to explain to them their PLAN test results. This will allow these students to start setting goals for their taking of the ACT/PSAE exams during the spring of their junior year.

Similar meetings will be held with the current juniors and seniors to help them understand where they have been successful, where they need to develop further skills, and information on the college readiness standards that will allow them to meet their long-term goals in high school and beyond.

We are introducing many

new testing components and experiences for students to develop their skill sets so that they are more ready to compete for post-high school opportunities. As a part of this effort we will be hosting parent programs to explain these test results, exciting new program opportunities, and what you can do as a parent to help you student become better prepared for their academic future.

We are excited about the upcoming year and all that it will bring for your students. Feel free to contact me about any questions you may have; my email is [chuck.bumbales@d300.org](mailto:chuck.bumbales@d300.org).

## HHS Division Chair

Welcome back! There are several items that are new this year that we feel will help your student in his or her academic progress. During the 2009-2010 school year, we will provide you and your student with more opportunities to monitor his or her academic progress. Additional attention will be given to the individual performance of students through the use of Scantron Performance Series as well as their performance on standardized testing from the previous school year. There will be opportunities to meet with staff to discuss your student's scores and prepare him or her for this year's testing. We will provide you with resources throughout the year concerning how you can become more involved in the school improvement process. HHS will continue to provide resources to allow your student to reach their full potential.

Feel free to contact us with questions or to express interest to become a member of our School Improvement Team. We welcome more parents to become involved in this process. Please contact us concerning what further assistance we can provide to support your student.

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## Pictures



Senior pictures may be taken at school on October 5 from 3-8 p.m. Say cheese!

## Attention Junior Parents!



Plans for Post-Prom 2010 are underway. All junior parents who would like to help organize this school year's post-prom experience, please contact the high school office at 847-792-3500. The first meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the high school office. There is much to be done. Organization, committee choices, and early scheduling will guarantee a successful event.

## Student Late Arrival Days



Beginning this coming Monday, September 14, there will be a series of 15 late arrival days to school. These days will have students beginning school at 9:45 a.m. Students will have access to the building at 9:30 a.m. on these days. Students will attend all 4 blocks of class on a shortened schedule each late arrival day.

The purpose of these days is to allow for professional development for all HHS staff members. Some of the items our staff members will be addressing include the college readiness standards, looking at the most recent test data from our students and identifying areas of concentration for academic improvement, writing summative and formative assessments, and writing curricular goals for the current school year. A summary of what our staff works on will be posted on our HHS website

so that you can better understand what we are doing on these late arrival days. Below please find the schedule of late arrival days for the 2009-2010 school year. As always, contact the divisionals, Dr. Steffen or me if you have any questions.

Late Arrival Days/9:45 am start

September 14	November 9	January 11	March 8	April 26
September 28	November 30	February 8	March 22	May 10
October 26	December 14	February 22	April 12	May 24



## HHS Athletics

We would like to welcome back all Hampshire High School athletes and fans to another exciting year of Whip-Pur sports. Our fall athletes have trained all summer and are now in the middle of their competitive seasons.

The highlight of any fall season is Homecoming Week which is October 13-17. During the week our girls and boys golf team begin IHSA State play. On Tuesday, October 13 we host Harvard in Volleyball and IMSA in Tennis, both starting at 4:15. The girls Powder Puff football game will be on Wednesday, October 14 at 7 p.m. and the Homecoming Court will be announced after the game. Soccer will host North Boone and Volleyball will host Marengo on Thursday October 15 at 4:30. There will be a pep assembly during advisory on Friday, October 16 for the football games vs. rival Burlington Central; games start at 5:00. The conference cross country meet is at Rockford Lutheran on Saturday morning. Homecoming week ends with the dance from 7 - 10 in our commons on Saturday, October 17; tickets will be sold during lunch Homecoming Week.



## Girls Cross-Country

THANK YOU! Thank you to all of you that contributed to the Girls Cross-Country Teams car wash on Saturday, August 22. The girls raised approximately \$250.00. Thank you from Coach Nihells and the Feline Runners.



## Veteran's Day

Hampshire High School will be in session on November 11th. 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 the main office at Hampshire High School at 847-792-3500. If you have specific questions, 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 Paraeducators 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 Paraeducators 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.



## Testing Sign-Up Information

The PSAT/NMSQT will be offered to **freshmen, sophomores, and juniors** the morning of Wednesday, October 14. The PSAT/NMSQT program measures skills important for college success and helps students start planning for the future. Students wishing to take this test must sign up in Students Services and pay a \$25 testing fee. The deadline to register is Thursday, September 17. Additional information on the PSAT/NMSQT is available at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

Over the summer, the Fall Retake for the PSAT was eliminated. As a result, the PSAT will be administered only in the Spring of each school year. Any **senior** looking to retake the ACT must register for the test at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). The registration deadline for the October ACT test

date is September 18.

During the week of September 14, the counselors will be returning PLAN Results to the **sophomores** during Whip-Time. This test was administered to freshmen last April. Please review these results with your student to help them better prepare for the ACT. Please visit [www.actstudent.org/plan/](http://www.actstudent.org/plan/) for additional information and resources.

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## Library News

Welcome Back! We in the library are excited for our second year! We have just received our shipment of new books and are getting set up for our back to school orientations! We have lots of resources available to help with everything from a silent reading book to a semester-long research project. If you are reading this email online, and would like to visit our website, please click [HERE](#). If you are holding a paper copy, please feel free to browse our online catalog the next time you are on the internet @ <http://library.d300.org>. We look forward to helping you with all your research and reading needs!  
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## Yearbook

**Buy your yearbook online this year!**

Save the memories. You know the school years will be over before your child knows it. Help those memories last forever. Order your copy of the Hampshire High School yearbook to keep the memories just a flip of the page away.

Ordering online is a snap!

1. Go to [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com)
2. Enter Hampshire High School into the School Selector, and select from the listing of schools.
3. Select your personalization options and purchase!

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## Art Department

The Fine Arts Department has created our first annual Hampshire High School Calendar. Never miss another concert or home football game again! The calendar features twelve months of student artwork by Hampshire students and includes all D300 half days, holidays etc. Help support the Fine Arts Department and get yours now before they sell out! On sale in the main office for \$10.00.



## H1N1 Flu Update

The Pandemic Preparedness Team (PPT) of Community Unit School District 300 has worked with regional officials on H1N1 flu and seasonal flu management plans for this school year. Health officials anticipate the spread of the H1N1 flu after students return to class this fall. Federal, state, and local governing bodies are working together closely to decrease and manage this potential. The full cooperation of parents is very important, now and over the next few months.

As with seasonal flu, the primary way to prevent the spread of H1N1 flu is to cover the mouth when coughing and frequently wash one's hands with hot, soapy water. D300 will soon resume its H1N1 Flu Updates webpage at [www.d300.org](http://www.d300.org).

D300 PPT leaders participated in August in a webinar hosted by the Kane County Regional Office of Education in partnership with the Kane County Health Department. Here are some highlights from the discussion:

**Mass Vaccinations** – Federal officials have produced a 2-dose vaccine for the H1N1 flu. It is expected to become available to private and public health providers in early October. The Kane County Health Department will host vaccination clinics, free of charge, in D300 one evening in mid-late October, and another clinic a month later for the second dose. These clinics will be at D300's three high schools and will be open to the D300 community. Children ages 6 months to 24 years are eligible, as they are considered more vulnerable to H1N1 flu than the general population. Clinic dates and times have not been determined. H1N1 vaccinations are optional.

**Protocol for flu-like symptoms** –The Kane County Health Department made significant changes in this area for this school year.

- Symptoms of an “influenza-like illness” include a fever with a cough or sore throat. Children with these symptoms will now be required to stay out of school until they are free of fever (without the help of medicine) for at least 24 hours. This is regardless of whether the child has been tested for H1N1. Children with these symptoms will also not be allowed to practice or compete in extra-curricular activities.
- Health officials emphasized the importance of parents keeping their sick children at home and completely out of the community until they are fever-free for 24 hours, so they do not spread the illness to the public.
- Per the Health Department, children who come to school with these symptoms or develop them during the school day must be separated from other students until their parents can pick them up from school.

Schools will not be required to close if a student has a confirmed case of H1N1; instead, that student will simply not be allowed back into school until he/she is fever-free for 24 hours.

**Cleaning and Hand Sanitizers** – The Health Department stated that schools should be cleaned as they normally are, but with an emphasis on surfaces that are frequently touched. The Regional Office of Education is allowing alcohol-based hand sanitizers in D300 schools this year. D300 has ordered hand sanitizer dispensers and will install them upon arrival in a few high-traffic common areas at each school.

**Reporting absent students** – Each day beginning Sept. 8, all schools will be required to report to the Health Department the number of student absences and the specific reasons for each absence. When parents call the school to report their absent children, it is very important that they state any specific symptoms the student is experiencing such as fever, cough or sore throat.