

## TIGER GROWL

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### GREETINGS FROM MR. GONZALES

Greetings, Tiger Family! It is with great enthusiasm that I bring to you the first entry of the 23-24 Hahnville High School Newsletter! Elizabeth Bourgeret once said, "Communication is the lifeline of any relationship."

On behalf of the HHS faculty and staff, we look forward to communication about our continued successes this

The 23-24 school year is off to a tremendously successful start! With the devastating challenges of our past (mostly) in the rearview mirror, we are excited to set our sights on the future! Much planning, preparation, reflection, and hard work have already gone into preparing for a successful school year; I am eagerly anticipating the great strides we will make over the coming months. This initial entry comes from a place of profound gratitude, as I remain humbled and honored to have the opportunity to lead a school with a rich history and established tradition of excellence. This year, we will continue to solidify our core values of **Growth, Integrity, and Pride** via our 23-24 theme "Do for yourself. Do for others. Be Proud." Those three yet simple statements entail what it means to be an HHS Tiger. As a Tiger Family, we appreciate the opportunity to recognize our progress as we remind ourselves "While I may not be where I want to be yet, I am better than I was yesterday." We strive to do what is right for the good of the school and community, regardless of how uncomfortable it may be. Lastly, we take joy in recognizing the fruits of our labor and the outcome of our hard work, both as an individual, and as a collective. With every interaction, I am reminded of the tremendous passion and potential that lies within. Please share my excitement for what the 23-24 school year will bring!

As we continue to realize our potential. I would like to take an opportunity to remind our family that after school HELP (Hahnville Extended Learning Program) has already begun for the 23-24 school year. Please encourage your child to take advantage of receiving one-on-one tutoring from our certified teachers. This is also an excellent opportunity for students to make up tests or assignments they may have missed. It is held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays until 4:30 p.m. with transportation provided. If you have a concern which may impact your child's success, or if you have a question, please communicate with your child's teacher, counselor, administrator, or myself. Proactive communication is key!

All faculty and staff members have their own web page located at www.stcharles.k12.la.us/hahnville. There, you can also find teacher contact emails, useful information, school accomplishments, and important upcoming event dates. Your child's grades and attendance can be viewed via the PowerSchool Parent Portal at <a href="https://stcharles.powerschool.com/public/home.html">https://stcharles.powerschool.com/public/home.html</a>.

In addition to your child's academic success, the safety of all remains of the utmost importance. Every child has the right to be taught and to grow in an environment free of bullying, harassment, violence, and the threat of illegal activities. Our district and school takes any unsafe or illegal act seriously and has implemented several efforts to ensure our campus is safe. These efforts include a full-time St. Charles Parish School Resource Officer (SRO), along with a "roving" (SRO) between both high schools, on campus during school hours and at most after school events. Furthermore, we remain diligent in monitoring security cameras and vape sensors throughout each building. HHS continues to collaborate with district personnel to refine our Safe Schools program, which includes action plans for every emergency situation, a violence prevention intervention program that includes a 45-day suspension for first offense fights, and our staff's consistent enforcement of rules and procedures.

Thank you for giving us the privilege and joy of teaching your child as part of our HHS family. I look forward to working with you as we partner to guide each HHS student in becoming the young man or woman they wish

Remember, YOU are a part of the Tiger Family! We are Fierce. Noble. Strong. Together!

Jose Gonzales Principal Hahnville High School



#### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

September 21st-23rd - Alligator Festival September 22nd - HHS vs DHS September 22nd - October ACT Registration Deadline

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#### Counselors' Corner

Seniors, be sure to check the "Counselor" section under "Academics" on the HHS website as well as the Counselor Google Classroom for important college and scholarship information.

Senior parents, the counselors have begun meeting with all seniors to give them information about completing the FAFSA. The FAFSA application is being revamped so it will not open until some time in December. Be sure to complete the 2024-2025 application since that is when your student will attend college. Please review all of the important information your senior will be sent home with in order to successfully submit the FAFSA since it is a graduation requirement.

9<sup>h</sup>-11<sup>h</sup> grade parents please know that planning for the next school year will begin soon and we will start meeting with students to have them start the elective course choices for 2024-25 school year. It is always helpful when you take the time to review the "Course Catalog" with your child and evaluate which electives he/she would like to take. This document can be found online under "Academics".

Please make sure your students have joined the correct Counselor's Google Classroom. The counselors will use their Google Classrooms this year to post important information and reminders to the students. If your student needs a Google Classroom code, please have them stop by the counseling office or email their counselor.

Does your high school student speak a world language?

Students who demonstrate their knowledge of a world language on the AAPPL Exam may be able to earn the foreign language credits they need to graduate without taking a foreign language class.

Last year (2021-2022), 49 students used the AAPPL exam to earn 117 foreign language credits.

Ask your counselor for more information about the AAPPL Exam.

Attention Juniors and Seniors: Hahnville will be hosting the ASVAB on Wednesday, September 27th at 8am. The deadline to sign up is Friday, September 1st. If interested in signing up for this test, contact Paige Walther at <a href="mailto:pwalther@stcharles.k12.la.us">pwalther@stcharles.k12.la.us</a>.

#### **Parents and Students:**





## Counselors' Corner

The College and Career Fair this year will be virtual and in person. Sign up at virtual collegefairs.org





Our counseling department splits the students by last name. Don't hesitate to call or email if you would like to set up a meeting to discuss your student.

#### 2023-2024 Counseling Department Guide

Alphabet	Counselor	Email
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L-Re	Rosemary Ahearn	rahearn@stcharles.k12.la.us
Ri-Z	Paige Walther	pwalther@stcharles.k12.la.us
Special Assignment	Tara Thomas	tthomas@stcharles.k12.la.us
School Office Specialist	TBD	



## Counselors' Corner

Below are the ACT test dates and registration deadlines for 2023-2024. Register online at ACT.org Students that are eligible for free or reduced lunch are eligible for 4 vouchers to take the ACT. Please see in the counseling office to get your voucher.

ACT 2023-2024 NATIONAL TEST DATES			
TEST DATE		REGISTRATION DATE	
September 9, 2023	<b>→</b>	August 4, 2023	
October 28, 2023	<b>→</b>	September 22, 2023	
December 9, 2023	<b>→</b>	November 3, 2023	
February 10, 2024	<b>→</b>	January 5, 2024	
April 13, 2024	<b>→</b>	March 8, 2024	
June 8, 2024	<b>→</b>	May 3, 2024	
July 13, 2024	<b>→</b>	June 7, 2024	

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#### Safe Schools with Mr. George

Safety is our top priority here at Hahnville High School. We value the safety of our students and employees, and we will do everything possible to ensure that we protect our students, employees, and visitors. As such, we wanted to remind you of some of our safety initiatives:

- Students, employees, and school visitors must wear ID badges at all times
- Students may not wear any headphones, air pods, and earbuds during the school day; if seen, these devices will be
- Students are not allowed to wear any garments with a hood attached to them; if seen, these garments will be confiscated from students and returned to the students at the end of the school day

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## STUDENT/FACULTY HIGHLIGH

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## Student of the Month -

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen as "Student of the Month" for the month of August: Freshman — Bobby Williams, Sophomore — Haley-Kate Doucet, Junior — Selena Montemayor. Not Pictured: Senior — Alanna Olivier



## Employee Spotlight

Congratulations to Allison Cranford who was chosen as HHS August Teacher of the Month! And congratulations to Rachael Authement and Jennifer Foss who were chosen as HHS August Staff Members of the Month!



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This year, we started off by having the students choose which SSC they would like to be in based on their interests. After the students were all sorted, we had our first SSC where they learned how the interest they chose for their SSC could also be a possible career choice. They brainstormed and researched possible careers pertaining to their SSC interest. They also did a personal finance lesson on behavioral finances and consumer skills. They learned about how trends and social media can effect your spending

## School Spirit Days

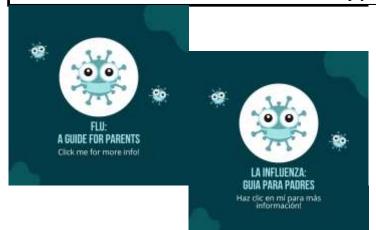
- •Friday 9/15 HHS vs. Northshore
  - ♦Students and staff can wear appropriate jeans and any HHS-related shirt
  - ♦Tiger tattoos, spirit ribbons, music, and our tiger mascot will be at lunch
- ◊Prior to the football game, the ACT Committee and School Spirit Committee will host a reception for students who earned a Platinum ACT score, a perfect LEAP score, or a College Board recognition. At halftime, the students will be honored at the 50 yard line.
  - •Monday 9/18 Saints Sipirit Day
- ♦To honor the Saints first Monday Night Football game, all faculty, staff, and students can wear appropriate jeans and a Saints shirt
  - ♦Fleur De Lis tattoos, black & gold glitter, and music at lunch.
  - •Friday 9/22 Battle on the River vs. DHS
    - ♦Students and staff can wear appropriate jeans and any HHS-related shirt.
    - ♦Tiger tattoos, spirit ribbons, music, and tiger mascot at lunch.
    - ◊Pep Rally

## **Mental Health Corner**



Marquita George, M.Ed., NCC Mental Health Professional

Nurse's Note Nurse Marci Hunter wants to keep you informed about current health concerns!







#### **HHS Library Media Center**

The HHS Library provides print and online resources for academic needs and personal enjoyment. It is easy to sign up for a library account by using your PowerSchool username and password. Your personal library account will give you access to e-books, digital audiobooks, and our online catalog. You have the ability to browse and place books on hold. If you haven't done so already, we encourage you to sign up for the HHS Virtual Library in Google Classrooms. If you have any questions, contact Ms. Sopczak at

bsopczak@stcharles.k12.la.us or Ms. Ana at apedone@stcharles.k12.la.us.

The library is prepping for exciting renovations taking place during the summer of 2024. We are deleting many outdated resources from our library shelves. Although these resources are outdated for our school, they are not outdated for personal use. Teachers and students should feel free to stop by the library to pick up some free books!

#### Freshman Football

1	Date:	<b>Opponent:</b>	Time:	(
	9/6	@ HHS	5:30pm	(
	9/13	HHS @ HHS	6:00pm	(
		Destrehan @ DHS	5:30pm	0
	9/20	East St. John @ HHS	5:30pm	0
l	10/4	Thibodaux @ HHS	5:30pm	4
	10/11	West St. John @ WSJ	6:00pm	
	10/18	Destrehan @ HHS	5:30pm	(
	10/25	C. Lafourche @ CL	5:30pm	(

## Varsity Football

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	<b>Date:</b>	Opponent:	Time:
	9/1	Newman @ Newman	7:00pm @
	9/8	Mandeville @ Mandeville	7:00pm
	9/15	Northshore @ HHS	7:00pm
	9/22	Destrehan @ HHS	7:00pm
	9/29	East St. John @ ESJ	7:00pm <
	10/6	Thibodaux @ Thibodaux	7:00pm 🥥
	10/13	Lutcher @ HHS	7:00pm
O	10/20	HL Bourgeois @ HHS	7:00pm
		(Homecoming)	
	10/27	C. Lafourche @ HHS	7:00pm <
	11/3	Terrebonne @ Terrebonne	7:00pm

## **Swimming**

M	Date:	<b>Location:</b>
âÁ	9/9	St. James
À	9/13	ED White
	9/23	HHS (Mimosa Club)
M	9/30	St. James
	10/7	HHS (Mimosa Club)
âÁ	10/12	Chalmette High
À	10/14	St. James
	10/26	St. James
	10/28	HHS
	11/3-4	Metro @ UNO
M	11/16-18	State @ Sulphur

#### **JV Football**

Date:	Opponent:	Time:	
9/6	Karr @ HHS	7:00pm	
9/14	HHS @ HHS	6:00pm	
9/20	Destrehan @ DHS	7:00pm	
9/27	East St. John @ HHS	7:00pm	
10/4	Thibodaux @ HHS	7:00pm	
10/11	Lutcher @ Lutcher	7:00pm	
10/19	HL Bourgeois @ Terrebonne	7:00pm	
10/25	S. Lafourche @ SL	6:00pm	

#### Volleyball

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Date:	Opponent:	Time:
9/1-2	S. LA Invitational @ Woodlawn - V	TBA
9/6	Assumption @ HHS - F, JV, V	4:30pm
9/7-9	Dutchtown Tourney @ Dutchtown-V	TBA
9/12	John Curtis @ Curtis - JV, V	4:30pm
9/14	McGhee @ HHS - JV, V	4:30pm
9/16	Assumption Tourney @ AHS - F, JV	TBA
9/19 9/21 9/26	Chapelle @ CHS - JV, V	4:30pm
9/21	St. Charles Catholic @ HHS - F,JV,V	4:30pm
9/26	Mt. Carmel @ HHS - JV, V	4:30pm
9/28	St. Martin's @ St. Martin's - V	4:30pm
9/29-30	Covenant Tourney @ Houma CC - V	TBA
10/3	Ben Franklin @ Ben Franklin - JV, V	4:00pm
10/3 10/6-7 10/7	AOL Tournament @ AOL - V	TBA
10/7	St. Michael's Tourney @ SM - F	TBA
10/10	East Ascension @ HHS - F, JV, V	4:30pm
10/11	Lutcher @ Lutcher - F, JV, V	4:00pm
10/12	C. Lafourche @ CL - F, JV, V	4:30pm
10/17	Terrebonne @ Terrebonne - F, JV, V	4:00pm
10/19	H.L. Bourgeois @ HLB - JV, V	4:00pm
10/24	Destrehan @ HHS - F, JV, V	4:30pm
10/26 10/27-28	Thibodaux @ Thibodaux - F, JV, V	4:00pm
10/27-28	Skeleton Classic @ BR Sportsplex - V	TBA
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Date:	Opponent:	Time:	N. C.
9/2	Bayou Boogie Classic @ Highland Road	8:00am	
9/9	Park Episcopal Round Table Run @ Highland Road Park	8:30am &	
9/16	LCA Knight Invitational @ Sievers Airfield Duson	8:30am	Carlo Carlo
9/23	Mt. Carmel Cub Run @ City Park	TBA	
9/30	Nicholls Invitational @ Thibodaux	9:00am	5
<b>3</b> 10/7	Run for a Cure @ Acadiana Park	8:00am	K.
10/14	Bronco Stampede @ Port Hudson Batttlefield	TBA	No.
<b>3</b> 10/21	Jack Schommer Invitational @ City Park	TBA	1
10/25	District Meet @ Peltier Park	TBA	
11/3	Regional Meet @ City Park	11:30am d	
<b>3</b> 11/14	State Meet @ Northwestern State	1:30pm	
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		Men's Cross Country	
3	Date:	Opponent:	Time:
3	9/2	Bayou Boogie Classic @ Highland Road	8:45am
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£3	9/9	Episcopal Round Table Run @ Highland Road Park	8:00am
	9/16	LCA Knight Invitational @ Sievers Airfield Duson	9:00am
3	9/23	Mt. Carmel Cub Run @ City Park	TBA
33	9/30	Nicholls Invitational @ Thibodaux	9:30am 🚜
	10/7	Run for a Cure @ Acadiana Park	8:40am
3	10/14	Bronco Stampede	TBA
3	10/21	Jack Schommer Invitational @ City Park	TBA 🚜
3	10/25	District Meet @ Peltier Park	TBA
3	11/3	Regional Meet @ City Park	1:45pm 🥕
3	11/14	State Meet @ Northwestern State	3:00pm 🚜
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## Women's Basketball

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Date:	Opponent:	Time:	(
10/26	John Curtis Scrimmage @ HHS	5:00pm JV/V	(
11/2	Hammond Scrimmage @ HHS	5:00pm JV/V	(
11	Hall of Fame Game (Away)	TBA V	(
11/11	Edna Karr Jamboree @ Karr	TBA JV/V	(
11/14	St. Amant @ St. Amant	5:00pm/6:00pm JV/V	ì
11/16	Franklin High @ Franklin	5:30pm/6:30pm JV/V	,
11/20-22	WE/Karr Tourney @ WE/Karr	TBA V	•
11/25	Road 2 State @ Nicholls State	TBA V	(
11/28	Newman @ HHS	5:00pm/6:00pm JV/V	(
12/1	Salmen High @ Salmen	6:00pm/7:00pm JV/V	(
12/4	Ellender Memorial HS @ Ellender	5:30pm/6:30pm JV/V	(
12/7-9	LTB Tournament @ HHS	TBA V	ì
12/11	Lutcher High @ Lutcher	6:00pm V	
12/15-16	Walker Tournament @ TBA	TBA V	
12/20	Central Lafourche @ Central	5:30pm JV/V	(
12/28	Terrebonne @ Terrebonne	6:00pm V	(
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Shoutout to the memebers of our Social Media Club! Etienne Adams made our Senior Breakfast graphic, Skeye Spears made our Pink Link graphic, and Alton Hebert made our Northshore game graphic. Great job y'all!



## Get the News from Mr. George

Hello all,

It is so awesome to have our students back in the classrooms each day! They are learning at high levels each day, and we are so proud of what our students are accomplishing so early in the school year. We know that our students are destined to accomplish great things throughout the year, and we are looking forward to their growth.

In addition to the success our students are experiencing in classrooms, our students are also preparing to be successful in athletic competitions and artistic endeavors. We invite all of our community members to support our students!

Our football season has begun! We have a home game this Friday against the Northshore Panthers. It's M.A.D. Night where our seniors will honor a faculty member they feel made a difference in their life during their time at HHS. Our volleyball, swimming, and cross country teams are also in season. Please plan to support our student athletes as they compete! You may consult each team's official calendar for the dates and locations of their athletic contests.

Our Beta Induction Ceremony will take place on September 26, 2023 at 6pm.

We are also so excited for our theater department's upcoming production of *Frozen! Our students and theater teachers*have been rehearsing to ensure that this production is of the excellent quality our community expects. Please plan to
support our students. The showings will take place at HHS, and the play will run on the following dates:

- October 26 and 27 at 7pm
- October 29 at 2pm
- October 30 and 31 at 10am for school performances

**Shop Tiger Mart for HHS Merchandise** 

Shop Tiger Mart for HHS Merchandise! We have spirit shirts, uniform shirts, and even HHS stickers to show your TIGER PRIDE! The Tiger Mart is open to the public every day between 10:45 and 12:30. (Check in at the Front Office with your state I.D.). Come check out all the great HHS clothing we have to offer!

Hoodies may not be worn during the school day, and may only be worn during extracurriculars.

# HHS Yearbooks on Sal e!

The 2024 Yearbooks are on sale for \$50 until Dec. 31st - Then the price goes to \$55. Order early for a \$5 discount. Order online at <a href="https://www.yearbookordercenter.com">www.yearbookordercenter.com</a> - School code is 2600, and drop payment in the yearbook order box near front office or send to Hahnville High School.

See Mr. Lanier for more info.

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ACT Test	Registration	(Late Fee
Dates	Deadline	Required)
October 28, 2023	September 22, 2023	October 6, 2023
December 9, 2023	November 3, 2023	November 17, 2023
February 10,	January 5,	January 19, 2023
2024 @ HHS	2024 @ HHS	@ HHS

Notice: In 1986 all asbestos materials were identified in all school buildings. A management plan was developed for each school as per the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). The management plan is located in a binder in the main office of each school. The binders are available for review upon request.

Since the plan was developed, most of the asbestos has been removed. In a few buildings, some floor tile still remains that contains asbestos. All of the schools meet the health require/ments that pertain to the regulation. If you have any questions concerning this topic, please contact Kevin Barney, Director of Physical Plant Maintenance at 985-331-3600 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

# ACT ACT

HHS Families, are you aware of the ACT testing dates for this school year? Read below to plan opportunities for your student to test! All Juniors will be testing on March 7, 2023 here at HHS. Any Senior wishing to retest will also have the chance to sign up to test on that day as well. There are also national test dates for which students can register. Please reach out to your counselor for information about ACT scores and TOPS, Dual Enrollment, and scholarship opportunities.

#### **Message from SCPPS:**

Due to federal regulations, HHS is responsible for notifying you annually of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) management plan at your school.

In compliance with Title VI, Title IX and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, this Educational Agency holds the following policy:

This is an equal opportunity school and is dedicated to a policy of non-discrimination in employment or training. Qualified students, applicants or employees will not be excluded from any course or activity because of age, race, creed, color, sex, religion, national origin or qualified handicap. All students have equal rights to counseling and training.



## Mark Your Calendar

- September 20 District Honor Band Auditions
- October 7 Senior Pictures
- October 11 College/Career Fair (6pm Dufrene Center)
- October 13 Early Dismissal
- 🚇 October 16-17 Fall Break
- October 19 Homecoming Pep Rally
- October 20 Homecoming Game v. H.L. Bourgeois
- October 21 Homecoming Dance
- October 26 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- October 27 Varsity Football Senior Night
- November 1 No School (Fall Break)

- November 20-24 Thanksgiving Holidays
- Dec. 5 Dec. 6 LEAP Testing
- December 21 Early Dismissal
- Dec. 22 Jan. 5 Christmas Holidays

