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GREETINGS FROM MR. GONZALES

As the 2022-2023 school year winds down, it is always beneficial to pause and reflect on both the challenges and successes that we have encountered in the not-too-distant past. Although oftentimes throughout the school year, the bumps in the road can seem abundant and frequent, I encourage each individual to shift their perspective to focus on what we have achieved. For one, we have proven ourselves to be a united and resilient school, family, and community. As American journalist Jean Chatzky once said, "Resilience isn't a single skill. It is a variety of skills and coping mechanisms. To bounce back from bumps in the road as well as failures, you should focus on emphasizing the positive." Our tiger family has much to be proud of!

The coming days and weeks will continue to be busy ones as several programs wrap up for the school year. We will have many opportunities to recognize and celebrate the scholastic, artistic, and athletic accomplishments of our students. Artistically, we were excited to showcase all of our arts in the SCPPS ArtsFest, as well as host the numerous spring performances that highlight our choir and band ensembles, and the HHS Talented Theatre's production of "The Putnam County Spelling Bee." Throughout the year, our athletic teams have made tremendous accomplishments through a variety of postseason contests and several district, regional, and state honors! Last, but certainly not least, HHS looks forward to celebrating our tigers' scholastic achievements via Junior/Senior Awards Night on April 26th and Freshman/Sophomore Awards Night on May 3rd. In addition to these ceremonies, there are several opportunities for students to demonstrate their growth through the various LEAP, CLEP, AP, and certification tests occurring in the near future. We know our tigers will tackle these assessments with the same ferocity we have witnessed throughout the year!

We recognize that the several events and milestones that mark a student's high school career are important components to their growth as individuals. After years of COVID restrictions and facility restrictions due to Hurricane Ida, I am excited to be able to host these events in the traditional in-person manner! From our Junior Ring Night Ceremony on May 1st, to the HHS Prom and Promapalooza on May 6th, we are excited to be a part of these memories!

As Nora Ephrone said, "Your education is a dress rehearsal for a life that is yours to lead." The 2022-2023 school year will culminate in our annual HHS Graduation ceremony on May 17th where our seniors will take a bow in the final scenes of their high school careers. The path diverges greatly after this point, as some students will further their academic endeavors in colleges, universities, or trade schools, while others will join the workforce or serve our country through enrollment in the armed forces. No matter where they go and what they do – they will always be TIGERS and Hahnville High School will always be their home. To our returning and incoming tigers, we look forward to seeing what the future holds for you as you continue to accentuate your place at HHS.

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

Jose Gonzales
Principal
Hahnville High School



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Graduation Practice - May 15th
HHS Graduation - May 17th
Last Day of School - May 24th



Counselors' Corner

Summer School Program Announcement:

The 2023 HHS Summer School Handbook will be available soon. Courses will be virtual through Edgenuity, and Credit Recovery Courses are free of charge. Initial Credit Courses will be \$200. Please see your counselor if you have any questions.

Want to be considered for TOPS?

Please make sure that when you are registering for the ACT, be sure to include LOSFA (CODE – 1595) as a choice under the “Your Score Report and College Choices” section. **You may want to contact LOSFA (225-219-1012) to double check that they have received your qualifying score. There is a \$12.00 charge to send scores from the ACT website.** Create a **student hub** account to track TOPS <http://www.osfa.la.gov/>. Your Louisiana Secure ID (LA SECID) is needed and can be obtained from your counselor or Mr. Doug Zeringue in room AG-7.

Class of 2024 Scholarship Opportunity

Starting the week of May 1, 2023 rising seniors will have an opportunity to nominate themselves for a POSSE Leadership Scholarship in addition to teacher/counselor nominations. Ms. Anitra Boyd will host an informational session April 28, 2023 during the last 15 minutes of each lunch in the counseling suite above the main office for students that feel they meet the requirements below. You may also visit <https://www.possefoundation.org/sites/new-orleans> for more information.

The partner schools for the New Orleans area are:

[Case Western Reserve University](#)

[Illinois Wesleyan University](#)

[Tulane University](#)

[University of Notre Dame](#)

[Villanova University](#)

All Nominees Must...

1. Be high school seniors in the fall of 2023 and have an expected graduation date in the spring of 2024.
2. Demonstrate extraordinary leadership within their high school, community and/or family.
3. Excel academically and have strong GPAs. Although there is no minimum requirement, only nominees who have consistently progressed toward academic excellence will be given the opportunity to be a Posse Scholar. While the ACT or SAT are not a focus of Posse's evaluation, students should take them.
4. Be open to making an early decision commitment to a Posse partner institution if selected as a finalist. Early decision is a binding commitment and great option for students who are excited about attending one institution."

St. Charles Parish Public School District College & Career Fair – Fall of 2023. Date TBA

NACAC National College Fair – Fall 2023 – Pontchartrain Center, September 20, 2023. More information coming soon. Register at gotocollegefairs.com to receive updates about the event.

Seniors, please bring Mr. Doug Zeringue copies of ANY scholarship offers you have received, even if you are not accepting the scholarship. We will recognize these scholarship offers in the graduation program, but we need some form of verification that a scholarship offer was made. In order for your scholarship to be included in the graduation program, your scholarship offer letter(s) must be turned in to Mr. Doug Zeringue in room AG7 as soon as possible. Even if you do not plan to take the scholarship, we would like to make sure your award is noted in the program. The deadline to submit this information is April 8th.

Attention Seniors! If you have not completed the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** you need to do so as soon as possible! Remember that this is now a **graduation requirement**. If you need guidance on how to get started please reach out to your counselor. If you completed the FAFSA from March 15 until now, please forward your confirmation email to your counselor. Remember, students who have **NOT** completed the FAFSA will not be able to purchase tickets or attend Prom. Talk to your counselor immediately or visit the HHS website under “Academics” then “Counselors” to find assistance.



Safe Schools with Coach Luquet

The Safe Schools team works hard to maintain the safety of our faculty, staff and students. This month our priorities will be:

1. Reviewing our Safe Schools Training as it regards the safety of our school..
2. Continuing to self audit the safety of our campus.
3. Reminding our staff about proper use of passes when our students are out of class as well as monitoring visitors to our campus to make sure they also have identification.



STUDENT/FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Student of the Month — March

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen as “Student of the Month” for the month of March:

Freshman — Emerson Tregre,
Sophomore — Milan Coleman, Junior — Aaliyah Lorio,
Senior — Torian Lay.



Employee Spotlight

Congratulations to Aimee Carletta who was chosen as the HHS February Teacher of the Month! And congratulations to Pamela Breau who was chosen as HHS February Staff Member of the Month!



SSC Recap

In May, we’ve remodeled our SSC program. Students have been assigned to new SSCs. In assigning students to these new SSCs, their individual interests were taken into consideration, such as sports teams and clubs. The reason for the remodeling of the SSC assignments is to place students with faculty with whom they have already established personal relationships with. Topics such as personal finance and social emotional wellness will still be explored.

HHS Highlights

Shout-out to the HHS JROTC cadets who competed in the Walker Marine Corp HS JROTC Color Guard and Fitness Competition! Our female cadets took home 1st place in the Tug-of-War competition!

Shout-out to our Lady Softball team for being crowned undefeated district champs!

Congratulations to our HHS Track & Field team on their performance at State! The results should be in soon!

Congratulations to all the Juniors and Seniors who received awards and scholarships! We are so proud of you!

Congratulations to all the Sophomores and Freshman who won awards as well! We are so proud of you!

Congratulations to the 2023 HHS Prom King and Queen: Christian Smith and Mia Chategnier!

Shout-out to the following individuals for either joining our students at prom, assisting with Promapalooza, or both! It truly takes a village! David & Karen Baudry, Natalie Adams, Shawn Heiden, Eric Gueniot, Coach Nugent, Katie Vinet, Keyon Weber, Jennifer Foss, Maggie Corzo, Jackie Walther, Joshua Bellaire, Mendi Lebouef, Jennifer & Cameron Matthews, Victoria Preau, Liz Tranchant, Officer Dyson, Jamie Holmes, Linda Howard, Angela Dempster, Megan Bush, Kendall George, Marquita George, Shannon Briner, Ana Pedone, Robi Kelly, Consuelo Rodriguez, Angelle Lambert, Liz Tranchant, Aimee Carletta



Student of the Month — April

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen as "Student of the Month" for the month of April:

Freshman — Gino Radosta,
Sophomore — Audry Simoneaux,
Junior — Matthew Zeringue, Senior — Donovan Steib.



Employee Spotlight

Congratulations to Brooke Deville who was chosen as the HHS March Teacher of the Month! And congratulations to Denise Barnes who was chosen as HHS March Staff Member of the Month!



Get the News from Mr. George

Hello Hahnville High School Family!

We are so excited about what the marvelous month of May means for our school! While we have enjoyed this school year working with our students, May is our final month of school before summer break. We have had a great school year so far, and we are grateful for our community's support. HHS was recognized as an A school by the state of Louisiana. Additionally, our students' composite ACT score has grown. A higher ACT score means our students have access to more opportunities after high school. We are so proud of the success of our students, and the dedicated professional educators and staff that support our students in their educational journeys.

This final month of school will be a busy one for HHS. Our track team is still competing. Please continue to support all of our student athletes!

The HHS class of 2023 will celebrate commencement at the Pontchartrain Center in Kenner on May 17, 2023.

The month of May will be extremely busy for our HHS community, but we are so excited for what this means for our students. Our students are on the move, and they are accomplishing great things!

Students will be released from school early from May 22-24, 2023; students' last day of school is May 24, 2023. Teachers' last day of school is May 25, 2023. Students and teachers will enjoy summer break until August!

We wish you a safe and relaxing summer, and we look forward to the great things to come in the 2023-2024 school year!

Shop Tiger Mart for HHS Merchandise

Shop Tiger Mart for HHS Merchandise! We have sweatshirts, spirit 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 Sale!

The 2023 Yearbooks are on sale for \$55. Order early for a \$5 discount. Order online at www.yearbookordercenter.com - 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.



Mental Health Corner

I think it is safe to say that parents and children may have very different ideas as to what should be done during the summertime. Children sleeping in late, laying around the house for hours at a time, and eating all of the food may not be the ideal situation for parents. It may take some planning, but it's possible to find summer activities for teens that are fun, productive, and keep everyone happy. Consider making a "**Summer Family Bucket List!**" Have each family member write down 5-10 things they would like to do this summer, compile the list and decide together what can be done separately and what can be done together. Create a schedule each week based on the bucket list as well as parent expectations while children are home alone. Parents may also want to consider involving children in summer camps, internships, community service, and educational summer programs to allow students to be involved without the pressure of school work.



1. Go out for ice cream
2. Go to the zoo
3. Read at least 20 books
4. Make popsicles
5. Visit the splash pad
6. Make lemonade
7. Go on a nature walk
8. Have a picnic
9. Go to the lake
10. Blow bubbles
11. Go to a festival
12. Play with sidewalk chalk
13. Ride a pony
14. Pick strawberries
15. Go to the farmers market
16. Go to the beach
17. Build a sandcastle
18. Have a dance party
19. Homemade pizza night
20. Go to a baseball game

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

Nurse's Note

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

Click the picture for more info!



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. Pedone at apedone@stcharles.k12.la.us.

ALL LIBRARY BOOKS SHOULD BE RETURNED BY **MAY 9TH**.

Return your library books day is **May 9th**. Return your books and collect a treat!

The library officially closes on **May 10th**. Ms. Sopczak will be in the commons during morning take-in to collect books.

Online resources will be available over the summer. This includes Gale nonfiction eBooks and all eBooks and audiobooks in Destiny. Also check the HHS Virtual Library during the summer for news.





STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council will hold its annual beautification day meeting in May (date TBA), which enables students to contribute to a safe and aesthetically pleasing school environment. Student Council also assisted with teacher appreciation week by feeding teachers lunch and providing other tokens of our appreciation for the hard work teachers do, everyday, at HHS. Student Council is hosting prom at Magnolia Weddings and Events on Saturday, May 6th, from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. Lastly, congratulations to the new officers for the 2023-2024 school year!

Senior

President – Madison Thomas
Secretary – Aaron Zhang
Events & Publicity Coordinator – Kaili Bush

Junior

President – Anna Lanata
Vice President – Quinn Johnson
Secretary – Caleb Ordoyne

Sophomore

President – Madeline Austin
Vice President – Lily Moore
Secretary – Reagan Aucoin

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 requirements 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.

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

- 📅 May 15-17 - LEAP Testing
- 📅 May 15-17 - Lady Tigers Soccer Tryouts @ 5:00pm
- 📅 May 15 - Graduation Practice @ 7:00am (Auditorium)
- 📅 May 17 - HHS Graduation @ 6:00pm/Ponchartrain Center
- 📅 May 18 - Lady Tigers Basketball Tryouts @ 4:00pm
- 📅 May 22-24 - Early Dismissal
- 📅 May 24 - Last Day for Students

