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HCS Early College High School @HCSECHS

Website: EC.HORRYCOUNTYSCHOOLS.NET

### The Principal's Desk

We are almost at the halfway mark for the school year. The first grading quarter ended November 10 and report cards were available November 17, 2020. Please check your PowerSchool account to access grades. Parents, please make sure the school has an active email account on file for you. This will allow us to share important information as well as have active two-way communication between home and school. If we do not have the email address on file that you actively use, please contact the school at (843) 349-3131.



**Meals to Go:** Students have the opportunity to sign up for meal kits to provide food during their distance learning days. Meal kits come with heating and preparing instructions and a weekly menu. ECHS students can sign up via the Google link sent from Ms. Rautsaw. Once students sign up they will receive meals for the remainder of the year, unless they request to no longer receive them. Students in Cohort A will pick up meals on Tuesdays and Cohort B on Thursdays. [Flyer](#)



**Fall Photos:** Students will have an opportunity to take fall pictures December 8-9, 2020. During this time, Seniors can make up the tuxedo /drape photo December 09, 2020. Information on prices will be shared soon.



**College Colors:** To promote higher education, ECHS asked all students to wear their favorite college gear or colors this week. During Google Meets on Friday, all students are asked to represent USC, Clemson, CCU, or HGTC by wearing their gear or colors. Students are reminded to adhere to the dress code with their

selections.



**Virtual Tutoring:** ECHS is offering virtual tutoring Monday - Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. Students can join the ECHS Tutoring Services Google Classroom ([xvrbqfp](#)) to receive help with any high school or college class. Tutoring will begin Monday, November 23, 2020. The links and times for each session can be found in the Classwork tab in the ECHS Tutoring Services Google

Classroom. [Tutoring Flyer](#)



**Changes to College Email:** Effective December 18, 2020, students' WaveNet email will change to Microsoft Office 365. All students at HGTC will lose access to their current Wavenet email as of 12/18/20. The students' email will change from

### Upcoming Events:

#### College Application Month

- Starts September 28 (Seniors)

#### ACT/SAT Selection Form due

- November 20

#### Fall Photos

- December 8-9

#### Senior Drape / Tuxedo Photo Make up Day

- December 09

#### MAP Test for Freshmen

- December 14-17

#### ASVAB Test for Juniors

- December 15
- December 17

#### English II Writing EOC

- December 21

#### EOC Tests Cohort A Students

- January 05
- English II, Algebra I, Biology

#### EOC Tests Cohort B Students

- January 07
- English II, Algebra I, Biology

#### EOC Tests HCS Virtual Students

- January 06: English II Writing
- January 20-22: English II, Algebra I, Biology, US History

#### ACCESS Test

- January 25



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name@wavenet.hgtc.edu to username@hgtc.edu.

Students should begin saving/backing up any old email messages in preparation to the December 18th deadline as the old emails will NOT be saved by HGTC nor will HGTC be responsible for any lost material. If you use google docs associated with your @wavenet.hgtc.edu account, you may wish to save those documents as well. The transfer of email services to O365 is part of the College's move to Microsoft Office 365. Having all students, faculty and staff on the same email system will allow for improved communication and collaboration.

### Juniors:



**ACT or SAT:** All 11th grade students (third year of high school) are being offered the opportunity to take the ACT or the SAT at ECHS during the regular school week at no cost. The State Department of Education (SCDE) will be paying for one assessment per student; however, students must sign up in advance in order to take one of these tests.

The ACT will be given Tuesday, February 23, 2021, and the SAT will be given Wednesday March 03, 2021. **Students must return their signed selection form by November 20, 2020.**

[Choice Form](#)



**ASVAB:** All 11th grade students will take the **ASVAB test December 15 and December 17.** The ASVAB has 10 tests. The scores from four of the tests — Word Knowledge (WK), Paragraph Comprehension (PC), Arithmetic Reasoning (AR), and Mathematics Knowledge (MK) — are combined to compute your score on what is referred to as the Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT).

Information from the ASVAB test is used for students interested in a career in the military as well as assisting Seniors in attaining "Career Ready Status" prior to graduation. [Fact Sheet ASVAB Website](#) [Sample Questions](#)

### Seniors:



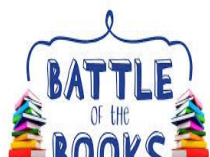
**College Application Month** begins Monday, September 28, 2020. Seniors will be directed to the SCCANGO website and fee waiver codes for the colleges that have provided them will be shared in the AVID Google Meets on Monday and Tuesday and will be posted on the AVID 401 Google Classroom. All college applications should be completed no later than December 1, 2020 to be eligible for Financial Aid. The fee waiver

codes should be available until that date as well. It's time to take the next step!!

**Battle of the Books:** We are looking for Trailblazers to become members of the High School Battle of the Books team!!!

#### Requirements:

- Love/likes to read



[HCS Early College Store](#) is up and running. We are so excited to offer the opportunity to purchase ECHS Wear.

#### **ECHS Vision:**

To provide a personalized education to maximize student potential for becoming socially responsible productive citizens.

#### **ECHS Mission:**

To provide a small, personalized learning community that accelerates our diverse student population to become responsible citizens who are strong critical thinkers, collaborators, and communicators who can successfully meet and face the challenges of competing in an ever-changing global society.



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- Read 10 books (already picked them out, they are listed below...check out the flyers in the hall)
- Read 10 books by Dec 31, 2020
- Be able to stay some after school to practice (if you can't we can work something out)

**What is Battle of the Books???** A competition, in which students' teams earn points by answering questions about the books on the book lists. The only thing to memorize is the names of the books and the authors. All questions begin, "In which book did..." Each team competes against all the other teams in the competition once. Points are earned for correct answers. The team with the most points is declared the winner. [Flyer](#)

I Am Not your Perfect Mexican Daughter	Erika L. Sanchez
Red Queen	Victoria Aveyard
Illuminae	Amie Kaufman
The Hate U Give	Angie Thomas
Before We Were Yours	Lisa Wingate
We Were Liars	E. Lockhart
Educated	Tara Westover
The Downstairs Girl	Stacey Lee
The Hound of the Baskervilles	Arthur Conan Doyle
They Both Die at the End	Adam Silvera

Questions should be directed to Mrs. Inman via email at [ginman@horrycountyschools.net](mailto:ginman@horrycountyschools.net).

### **Lunch Menu**

Please see the [menu](#) for the week of November 16, 2020 and the [menu](#) for the week of November 23, 2020.

**High School Years:** Please take a moment to review the [November](#) issues of the High School Years newsletter.



**Attendance:** Students are required to check in during distance learning days to complete their online attendance and submit assignments on time. If students are going to be absent, they will contact the teacher and complete any missing work. All attendance excuse notes should be turned in or

emailed to Ms. Patty at [pmojo@horrycountyschools.net](mailto:pmojo@horrycountyschools.net). Excessive unexcused absences will result in students being addressed for truancy.

### **Reminders**

**Masks:** Students are required to wear masks while in the building and on the school bus.

**Bookbags:** Students will be required to go through search lines as they enter the building. Students are able to bring backpacks to school;

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however, it is recommended they carry a clear book bag.

**Lunch:** Students will have a choice of a hot or cold boxed/bagged meal at no cost until December 2020. Students will not have access to a microwave and those who bring lunch from home are asked to consider meal options that do not require the use of a microwave.

**Water:** Water fountains are not available; however, students are allowed to bring unopened drinks from home. Students can bring empty refillable water bottles from home. Opened drinks will not be allowed in the building.

**Arrival on Campus:** Students will not be able to enter the building prior to 7:30 AM. Students dropped off prior to 7:30 AM will remain outside and are asked to follow social distancing guidelines.

**Dress Code:** Students are asked to adhere to the dress code outlined in the student agenda book on pg. 13. Students in violation of the dress code will be required to make corrections and/or contact parents to bring them a change of clothing.

As always, if I can be of assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely, Ms. Williams, ECHS Principal

(843) 349-3131 or [dwilliams001@horrycountyschools.net](mailto:dwilliams001@horrycountyschools.net).

**Additional Information:**

**Facebook Page @hcsechs “HCS Early College High School”**

**Twitter Page @hcs\_echs**

**Additional Website for all HCS Information**

<https://www.horrycountyschools.net/covid19>



[Guidance Google Classroom](#)

[ECHS Website](#)

[Google Classroom Announcement Page \(code - jtiwt7\)](#),

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