



The Principal's Desk

I cannot believe that we are nearing the halfway mark of the first grading quarter. I am very proud of the students and how they have handled the return to school. Their everyday commitment embodies our school theme, Reach FAR: Flexible, Adaptable, and Resilient. Thank you parents for your continued support.



Ist Quarter Interim Reports

Interims for the first grading quarter for high school courses will be issued **October 09, 2020**. Parents and students will be able to view interims by logging into PowerSchool.



Every student. Every day.

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.



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!!



Senior Supplies can be ordered from Herff-Jones **October 09, 2020 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the cafe**. Students must sign up for an appointment. [Herff-Jones video](#) [Supply Packet](#) [Appointment Calendar](#)

Ring Ceremony



Juniors who have purchased a ring will be able to participate in the Ring Ceremony **October 20, 2020 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM**. Students and their family will be provided an appointment time and an opportunity for photos during the presentation of their rings. Masks will be required to enter the building. Students and parents should check their email for the link from Herff-Jones to schedule an appointment.



Upcoming Events:

College Application Month

- Starts September 28 (Seniors)

1st Quarter Interim Reports

- October 09, 2020

Order Senior Supplies

- October 09, 2020
- 9:00-2:00

PSAT Test

- October 14 & 29, 2020
- January 26, 2021

Ring Ceremony

- October 20, 2020
- 5:30-7:30 PM

National Honor Society Applications

- October 14 (deadline)

American Cancer Society's Making Strides

- October 17 (virtual event)
- October 09 (wear pink)

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention --Out of the Darkness Walks

- November 08 (virtual event)
- October 23 (wear blue)

Red Ribbon Week

- October 23-31, 2020

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

"We are Early College, being the best we can be."



PSAT Testing

As we approach the PSAT test dates, **October 14 and October 29**, students are encouraged to use [Khan Academy Prep](#). The PSAT is a practice SAT test, which is a required test for college acceptance. Students should get a good night's rest and eat a healthy breakfast the day of their test. Students are encouraged to use the attached resources.

[PSAT Fall 2020 Practice Test](#) [Math Skills for Top Scorers](#)



National Honor Society

Applications for National Honor Society were emailed to Juniors and Seniors who meet the grade point average requirement. The deadline to submit applications and request recommendations from three teachers is **October 14, 2020 by the end of the school day**.



American Cancer Society's Making Strides

This October, the faculty and staff of Early College is raising funds to support the American Cancer Society's Making Strides virtual event. The American Cancer Society started Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walks to unite communities in the fight against this deadly disease. Today, Making Strides is the largest network of breast cancer events in the nation - and we do more than just walk. We raise money to help the American Cancer Society

fund groundbreaking breast cancer research and provide patient services like free rides to chemo, free places to stay near treatment, and a live 24/7 cancer helpline. The virtual event is being held on Saturday, October 17th. We invite you to join us on Friday, October 9th and wear pink for our virtual meetings.



American Foundation for Suicide Prevention



American Foundation for Suicide Prevention--Out of the Darkness Walks

This October, the faculty and staff of Early College is raising funds to support the

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's Out of the Darkness Virtual Community Walks. Held in hundreds of cities across the country, they give people the courage to open up about their own struggle or loss, and the platform to change our culture's approach to mental health. We are a strong and resilient community, united in our effort to fight suicide, raise awareness, educate our communities, advocate for better public policies, support those who have lost loved ones, and support those with lived experience. We use our voices and share our stories to provide hope. This virtual event is being held on Sunday, November 8th. We invite you to join us on Friday, October 23rd and wear blue for our virtual meetings.

Lunch Menu

Please see the [menu](#) for the week of October 05, 2020.

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

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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enter the building. Students are able to bring backpacks to school; 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.

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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