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HCS Early College High School @HCSECHS

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The Principal's Desk

Effective October 19, 2020, HCS will remain in the Hybrid model until the District is able to return all brick-and-mortar schools safely to five-day, face-to-face instruction.

AVID: All students and parents are invited to participate in the annual AVID Family Night October 27, 2020. The virtual event will consist of pre-recorded videos that will provide parents and students information about AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), the college readiness support program used by HCS Early College High School. To kick off the night, there will be a Watch Party on Facebook. Visit our Facebook page, "HCS Early College High School" to join the party at 5:00 PM. Prizes will be given away to include a chance to win a yearbook. [Flyer](#)



Red Ribbon Week will be October 23-31, 2020. Students will learn about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. All students are asked to wear red Tuesday and Thursday. Hats can be worn Tuesday and Thursday for \$1.00 each day. The money collected will be donated to charity.



October is **Say No to Bullying** month. Students are encouraged to speak up and report all incidents. [Anti Bullying video](#)

PSAT Testing: The PSAT will be administered **October 29**. As a final practice review, students are encouraged to use [Khan Academy Prep](#). The day of their scheduled test, students should eat a healthy breakfast. [Math Skills for Top Scorers](#)



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
- 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

Upcoming Events:

College Application Month

- Starts September 28 (Seniors)
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Virtual, Drop-In College & Scholarship Fair

- October 24, 2020 (registration req.)

Virtual Senior Class Meeting

- October 26, 2020 4:00 PM

AVID Family Night

- October 27, 2020
- Facebook Live 5:00 PM

PSAT Test

- October 29, 2020
- January 26, 2021

Red Ribbon Week

- October 23-31, 2020

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

- November 08 (virtual event)



[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

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

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

Interested students will receive an email from Ms. Inman (Ginman@horrycountyschools.net) with a meeting date to include specifics on the competition and when to pick up the books.

Seniors:



There will be a virtual **Class Meeting** for all seniors Monday, October 26, 2020 at 4:00 PM. The WIN test, time management, expectations for attendance and assignments for online classes, academic integrity, fees for dropped classes, and second semester. The link for the meeting is in the Guidance Google Classroom. [Flyer](#)

Virtual, Drop-In College & Scholarship Fair will be October 24, 2020. Students will have an opportunity to meet with college and scholarship representatives from all over the nation. Registration is required and entrance based on first come, first served. [Registration](#); [Flyer](#)

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!!



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

communicators who can successfully meet and face the challenges of competing in an ever-changing global society.



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.

Lunch Menu

Please see the [menu](#) for the week of October 26, 2020.

High School Years: Please take a moment to review the [September](#) and [October](#) issues of the High School Years newsletters.

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. 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; 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>



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[ECHS Website](#)

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

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