

HawkBlast, 12/17/2017

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**HOLLY SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL** | *Home of the Golden Hawks*  
**HawkBlast Update | December 17, 2017**

### Early Release – Thursday, December 21

Holly Springs High will have an early release day on Thursday, December 21. Students will dismiss at 11:40am. You can view the bell schedule for an early release day [at this link](#).

### Play4Yow Fundraiser Game – Tuesday, January 9

The Golden Hawks Club and the Women's Basketball Team will be hosting a Play4Kay game on January 9 against Apex HS to raise awareness and money for the Kay Yow Cancer Fund. As a part of the game, the school will be selling t-shirts, wristbands, having a 50/50 raffle, and conducting a Pie-a-Teacher Contest between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. There are several challenges on the table for the pie contest including:

- Mr. Pittman has made a challenge that if there is at least \$2,018 (in honor of the great class of 2018) donated to see him get pied then he will volunteer to get pied.
- If \$5,000 overall is raised, Mr. Poppe and Ms. Hurst will also get pied.
- If \$6,000 overall is raised, Officer Gledhill has agreed to be pied as well.

Join the fun for a good cause! For more information or to donate online, please [visit this link](#).

### PSAT Scores

Many students received their PSAT scores on Friday of last week. All others will receive their scores on Monday, Dec. 18 during their 2<sup>nd</sup> period class. We will be hosting a session for parents on Wednesday, January 10 at 6pm at Holly Springs High to help parents better understand their student's scores and resources for how to utilize them for success on the SAT! More information to come on this event but SAVE THE DATE! Please contact Ms. Young ([tyoung@wcpss.net](mailto:tyoung@wcpss.net)) if you have questions about PSAT scores.

### Winter Break

As you know the winter break will begin this week! I hope that all of our Hawks and their families enjoy a wonderful break. We are committed to our students and teachers not only being excellent in their work but also healthy and well balanced in their lives. For that reason:

- No homework or school work of any kind will be assigned over the break. I encourage students to completely disconnect from school and enjoy the rest and rejuvenation that comes with that all important family time.
- Staff will not be responding to emails, voicemails, etc. after 12pm on Thursday, December 21 until they return on January 2.

They will not be expected to grade papers over that time either. I hope they also take the time to disconnect and enjoy friends and family.

Finally, the school will be closed over the break starting Friday, Dec. 22 and not reopening again until Tuesday, January 2. All calls and emails will be returned after that point. Your next HawkBlast will be on January 2.

### Exam Schedule for Fall – REVISED

As noted in the last HawkBlast update, our fall exam schedule has been modified a bit. Please be sure to review the schedule [at this link](#). Any questions about the exam schedule can be addressed to Assistant Principal Melissa Hurst (mhurst@wcpss.net).

### Senior Exam Exemptions – Fall 2017

Seniors have the opportunity to exempt teacher-made exams in certain circumstances. Specific guidelines around exam exemptions can be found [at this link](#). There is a waiver process for up to five excused absences above the limit. That process is outlined [in this form](#) that is due no later than January 5. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Pittman at bpittman@wcpss.net.

### Spring 2018 Class Schedules

Please note that class schedules for the spring semester are still changing a good bit. They will not be finalized until the first day of the spring semester. If you have questions about your schedule, please talk with your [counselor](#).

### Student Council Food Drive

Each year our amazing student leaders organize the annual Student Council Food Drive. This year our goal is 5000 lbs of food that will be donated to the Holly Springs Food Cupboard. [Read More](#)

### PTSA & Booster Club News

Parent supporters are a critical part of our school! Please check out the opportunities below to get involved.

- Senior Signs! Class of 2018 senior yard signs are available now while the last from the PTSA! Stop by the front office to pick one up from Ms. Davis. Cash or check payable to "HSHS PTSA" are accepted for the \$10 fee.
- Golden Sidewalk Bricks Are Available! Thank you for all who have purchased bricks on the Golden Sidewalk by the stadium. You make possible the work of the PTSA including teacher grants, senior scholarships, our Reflections program, staff appreciation, and more! If you have not purchased a brick yet, please take a look at this link to order! [Read more](#)
- First Wednesday Workdays. Drop in from 9:30-11:30am on Wednesday, January 3 in the HSHS Media Center for our HSHS PTSA Parent & Student volunteer workday! Students are welcome during HOT Lunch to earn service hours. Each month is a different project. This month we are assembling Exam Survival Bags for staff. Donations of water bottles, granola bars, snack bags, and candy can be dropped off in the front office.
- Volunteers Needed! Assistance is needed with the Nominating and Advocacy committees for the PTSA. Also, the PTSA is now seeking board members for 2018-19 including President and VP Communications. Please contact Ms. Baratta for more information (ebaratta1@nc.rr.com).

### Events This Week

- Tuesday, Dec. 19 - Basketball Quad @ Wake Forest HS
- Tuesday, Dec. 19 - Swimming @ TAC, 7pm
- Wednesday, Dec. 20 - Wrestling @ Apex HS, 6pm
- Thursday, Dec. 21 - Early Release Day / Dismissal at 11:40am



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