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School Safety Update: Buzzer System

I commend the district for vastly accelerating the timeline for installing the buzzer system on the doors at all remaining schools in the district. It is my understanding that this work will be completed this spring or at least by the start of the fall semester. I am optimistic about how quickly this will come to HSHS given that our school was wired for the buzzer system last week! More to come as this work progresses! If you have questions, please let me know.

Course Selections for 2018-19

Rising 10-12th graders came home with a hard copy of their course selections for 2018-19 on Tuesday, March 13. Families are encouraged to review these course selections and address necessary changes by March 19. This should be returned with parent signature to the 2nd period teacher. Course selections are also available through PowerSchool. If you have questions, please contact your <u>counselor</u>.

Midterm Assessments – March 19-23

Midterm exams will be given in most classes this week. We will observe the following schedule for those assessments. If you have any questions, please contact your student's teacher.

- Monday, 3/19:English, Fine Arts, Special Education
- Tuesday, 3/20:Math, World Languages, ESL
- Wednesday, 3/21: PE, Science
- Thursday, 3/22:Social Studies, CTE

End of 3rd Quarter

The end of the third quarter is 9 school days away. It will end on Thursday, March 29. Please be sure to monitor grades and communicate with teachers and counselors as needed. Also, please remember that tutorials are now available both during lunch and after school. For more information on the after school tutorials, please visit <u>this link</u>.

Prom Tickets

Prom tickets will be on sale from March 19-23. Juniors and seniors planning to purchase tickets should pick up a form to confirm that they are eligible to purchase their tickets. <u>Read More</u>

Spring Exam Schedule

Just a reminder that you can view the spring exam schedule at <u>this link</u>. Only 49 more instructional days before final exams. Finish Strong!

Save the Date: Upcoming Events

As the year moves at what seems like record speed, I encourage families to take note of the following events that could be very important in preparing for 2018-19.

• Parent Academy: College & Career Promise Program – Wednesday, March 28, 6:30pm

The College & Career Promise Program is a program through which juniors and seniors can take courses at Wake Tech for free and begin building their college transcript. Attending one of these information sessions is a requirement of participating in the program. Questions? Contact Mr. Ellington (aellington@wcpss.net).

- Rising Senior Parent Night.Tuesday, April 24 @ 7pm During this event, we review with rising senior parents all of the critical information that is available to preview the important events of the senior year. Questions? Contact your counselor.
- AP Parent Night.Thursday, April 26 at 7pm This event is intended for parents and students signing up for Advanced Placement (AP) courses in 2018-19. We will review what we know about scheduling these courses, what to expect from each of these courses, etc. Questions? Contact Assistant Principal Bruce Page (bpage2@wcpss.net).

PTSA & Booster Club News

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

- **Golden Hawks Club Scholarship**. Student athletes in the Class of 2018 are encouraged to apply for the scholarships being distributed by the Golden Hawks Club. The deadline is March 21. <u>Read More</u>
- **PTSA Board for 2018-19.** YOU are the key to our success! The PTSA greatly needs parents to step up and pitch in and commit to a role by April 5 a President, VP of Communications, Scholarships Chair, and more are needed for the next school year. You don't necessarily have to give a lot of time as long as you've got heart to give for our students! Teacher grants, student scholarships, staff luncheons, Reflections Art Contest, lobby murals, luncheons for Foreign Exchange students, students with special needs, special programs such as creating awareness of the dangers of drinking and distracted driving and tech talks for parents, and more are all possible due to the HSHS PTSA. Contact Nominating at mortonjc@nc.rr.com.
- Spirit Night: Zaxby's March 20. Come out and support the Band Boosters and the Indoor Percussion Team on March 20 for a spirit night at Zaxby's from 5-8pm!
- Senior Signs Available. Senior Signs are available for just \$10.00 cash or check payable to "HSHS PTSA". Contact: mmwooten@nc.rr.com, ebaratta1@nc.rr.com, or see Ms. Davis in the HSHS Main Office to pick one up between 7:00 am and 3:30 pm.
- Bricks on the Golden Sidewalk! In 2006, Holly Springs High School made history as the first high school in Holly Springs. Celebrate our tradition of excellence and join us as a permanent part of Golden Hawks history! Parents, Students, Staff, Alumni and Golden Hawks friends and fans are all invited to join the celebration by purchasing an engraved brick to show your Hawk pride be REMEMBERED throughout the years to come! It's a great way to congratulate a graduate or current student, commemorate a special occasion, honor or remember a special loved one, or make your mark with your business name! Bricks are in front of the HSHS Stadium in front of the ticket booth. Read More

This Week at Holly Springs High

This Week: CLICK HERE to view this week's events.



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