

Newsletter for Parents

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HICKORY HIGH SCHOOL, CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA

April/May 2009

Dates to Remember:

- Fri., Apr 3 – Mr./Ms. Hickory
- Wed., Apr 8 – Careers 2009
- Thurs., Apr 9 – Fashion Show
- Mon., Apr 27– Academic Awards (Grades 10 & 12)
- Wed., Apr 29- Academic Awards (Grades 9 & 11)
- May 11 – June 5 – SOL Testing
- May 15 – Prom/After Prom
- June 12, 11 am - Graduation

Administration

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Principal

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Mrs. C. Sperelakis-Babb, 9th grade
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College Scholarship Opportunities

Scholarship opportunities are arriving almost daily in the guidance office. Seniors should check the updated listing often. The list is located on the guidance office bulletin board and on the guidance bulletin board located in the commons area. Listings are also posted through the media center on the daily televised announcements. Scholarship applications are housed in the guidance reception area.



Report Cards Issued

Term 6 grading period ended on Friday, March 27, and report cards will be issued on Monday, April 6.

Term 7 grading period will end on Friday, May 8. Report cards will be issued on Monday, May 18.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Hickory High School is to prepare students with the knowledge and skills needed to become productive, responsible, and innovative members of the global community by providing a quality education and extra-curricular activities within a safe learning environment through partnerships among parents, teachers, and community.

Careers 2009 for Graduating Seniors

The Chesapeake Public Schools Career Counselors will host a Career Fair for graduating seniors on Wednesday, April 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Chesapeake Conference Center.

Careers 2009 is intended to help seniors with their job search experience. Some employers may be hiring full-time, part-time, or summer employment and internships, in which case, having resumes available is a plus.

Parent permission slips to attend the fair must be signed and returned with the student's current resume in order to attend the fair.

Questions regarding this event should be directed to Mr. Markin in the guidance office.



Spring 2009 SOL Testing Schedule

The Spring 2009 SOL testing schedule is as follows:

May 11	English 11 RLR; Grade 8 English Retakes & Term Grads	May 21	Algebra I
May 12	Social Studies Retakes & Term Grads	May 22	Make-ups
May 13	Math Retakes & Term Grads	May 26	Algebra II
May 14	Science Retakes & Term Grads	May 27	Chemistry I
May 15	Retakes & Term Grad Make-ups	May 28	Virginia & U.S. History
May 18	World History II	May 29	World History I
May 19	English 11 RLR	June 1	Biology
May 20	Geometry	June 2	Earth Science
		June 3-5	Make-ups



Guidance Notes

Please take note:

- Guidance counselors are compiling the supplement to the graduation program that lists scholarship and grant awards to be received by graduating seniors. If your son or daughter has received a scholarship or grant, please have him/her bring a verification of the award showing the name and amount of the award to the guidance office.
- In April, counselors will mail to parents a copy of the courses that their children have chosen for next school year. Please review, make changes if needed, and return the form to the guidance office no later than Friday, June 12, 2009.

Academic Awards Recognition Ceremony

The Academic Awards Recognition Ceremony will be held on the evenings of April 27 and April 29, 2009. Those students receiving awards who are in the tenth and twelfth grades should attend on April 27. Those students receiving awards who are in the ninth and eleventh grades should attend on April 29.



Summer Special Provisions

THE COLLEGE CORNER – Tidewater Community College, Chesapeake Campus

Interested in taking a summer course at Tidewater Community College before starting college in the fall? If so, the process is easy. The first step will be to complete an Application for Admission. The application can be accessed at <http://www.tec.edu/students/admissions/pdfs/applications.pdf>. Additionally, an Admission Under Special Provision Request Form must be completed. This form is available at <http://www.tec.edu/students/admissions/pdfs/provision.pdf>.

When the application and special request form have been submitted to the campus Admissions Office, it will be processed and contact will be made providing you with your SIS ID number. Prospective students will need to take the college Placement Test or provide SAT/ACT scores.

To receive more specific information about this opportunity, please feel free to call the Admissions Office at 822-5117. Let Tidewater Community College help you get a head start your college career



Art Show Winners Selected

The Hickory High School In-House Art Show Awards Ceremony was held on Wednesday, March 4, in the Fine Arts Commons area. The following awards were presented:

Two Dimensional Awards

First Place—Frances Sahagun

Second Place—Mark Peterson

Third Place—Allison Huber

Fourth Place—Travis Wall

Fifth Place—Alex Leitz

Best in Show

Angela Corpuz



Three Dimensional Awards

First Place—Sam Saad

Second Place—Carrie Miller

Third Place—Kayla Clemmonds

Fourth Place—Samantha Gunter

Fifth Place—Stephanie Baumann

Student Choice

Rose Thiel

Honorable Mentions

Chris Sturgill, Chelsea Swift, Leah Quinones, Amber Johnson, Maddie Higgins, Holly Hicks, Kelly Morgan, Caley Gallifant, Olivia Hren, Ryan Copley, Rachel Wilke, Kelly Keefer, Mary Werver, Rosaria Vinci, Chris Holcombe, Megan Jones

FBLA Has the Edge

Tallwood High School on Saturday, March 14, was the site of the Tidewater FBLA Regional Conference. Over two hundred fifty members from Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, and the Eastern Shore public schools participated in over 50 competitive events designed to increase members' business and leadership skills. Hickory High School had 9 winners: Lena Husnay placed first in the Business Calculations event, Josh Abbott placed first in the Business Law event, Jonathan Nichols placed first in the Business Math event, Alex Lyle placed first in the Economics event, Jaimie Ferns placed second in the Personal Finance event, Taylor Earley placed third in the Business Communications event, Nick Bondur placed third in the Introduction to Technology Concepts event. Lauren Graf and Lauren McKinney placed first in the first round to be qualified for the Marguerite Crumley, Peele, and Thompson Scholarships.

First and second place winners are eligible to represent the Tidewater region at the State FBLA Leadership Conference to be held in Reston, VA April 17-19. Good luck to all who are going to the state level of competition!



Has your address changed?

When a student's address or phone number changes, please remember to notify the guidance office concerning those changes. To update an address, provide the guidance office with a current utility bill (electric, gas, or water) which may be faxed to 421-4041 or brought in by the student.

Phone numbers may be updated by calling the guidance office at 421-7194.

REMINDER TO PARENTS

Parents are reminded that flower, balloon, and restaurant food deliveries to students cannot be accepted in the main office.

College-Bound Students Complete Financial Aid Process

The end of the school year is drawing to a close. Many students have received Financial Aid Award letters. Here are tips to complete last minute details:

- Check the *Comments* section of your Student Aid Report to make sure the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) was signed by both parent and student. **If a signature is missing, the form will not be processed.**
- If last year's tax return was used to complete the FAFSA, make sure to **update the FAFSA** with any necessary changes.
- Check the last page of the FAFSA to make sure that all the colleges that received an application are listed on the form.



- Occasionally colleges will request a copy of the tax return and W2. This process is called verification, and students are randomly selected. Provide the requested information ASAP. Failure to do so will delay financial aid.
- The financial aid process is a learning experience. Feel free to contact Ms. Dana Smith, the ACCESS Advisor, with questions concerning the Financial Aid Award letters.

If Ms. Smith assisted in filing the FAFSA, please forward a copy of the Student Aid Report and the Financial Aid Award letter to her. Ms. Smith is available on Mondays and Tuesdays in the guidance office. Her direct line is 757-421-4029 or email dsmith@accesscollege.org.

Junior College Night

Junior Night is Monday, April 6 from 6-8 pm in the Commons area. Information on funding a college education, what schools are looking for, and when and how to start preparing for college will be discussed.

Contact Dana Smith, the ACCESS Advisor, for more information.

Award for *The Bird's Eye View: En Croute*

Hickory High School's literary magazine, *The Bird's Eye View: EnCroute*, has been selected to receive a rank of Excellent in the 2008 NCTE (National Council of Teachers of English) Program to Recognize Excellence in Student Literary Magazines. A total of 489 schools entered the 2008 program.

Fashion Show

The Fashion-Marketing students present "Jungle Fever"—A Fashion Show at 7 pm on Thursday, April 9. Tickets are \$10. See what's in style for the season!

VOLUNTEERS*VOLUNTEERS*VOLUNTEERS

Thanks again for giving of your time volunteering at HHS. We continue to need your help.

Upcoming opportunities for volunteering include the **Spring Craft Show**, **After Prom**, **Staff Appreciation**, the **Spring Plant Sale**. Please watch your email for the "[HHS PTSA Volunteer Update](#)." If you are not receiving the "Update" and would like to, please contact Cheryl Weimer at socerfan@cox.net or 482-6675 with your information.

IMPORTANT: Please remember to turn in your volunteer hours. We count the hours done by our volunteers each year. The time runs from March 16, 2008 - March 15, 2009. Any hours from last year you haven't turned in, please submit. We greatly appreciate your assistance with this. THANK YOU!!!

Our goal is **100,000 +** hours for 2008 – 2009.

HHS PTSA Membership

Please join the PTSA. It's not too late!! The money raised helps toward student scholarships. Any questions, please contact **Carolyn Warner @ 482-7163**.

HHS Teacher Appreciation Week – May 3-9

Show your **Appreciation** for the Hawk Teachers and Staff by Volunteering in support of

Teacher Appreciation Week!

Contact Mickey Jennings –at 718-4179 or mickey.jennings@cox.net to help



PTSA 2008-2009 SCHOOL Support Programs

Harris Teeter gives a percentage of all sales of *Harris Teeter brand products* AND *all prescriptions purchased in any Harris Teeter pharmacy* to our PTSA. **Please register your VIC card** through your **Cashier**, or **Online** at **www.harristeeter.com**. Use **Code 4762**; please link your card today!

Food Lion gives a percentage of your purchases to the PTSA. Just go to www.foodlion.com to **register your MVP cards in the LionShop & Share program**.

We will use these funds for programs and projects to benefit your child.

Farm Fresh receipts can earn benefits from the Farm Fresh ABC Program to provide free educational equipment to Hickory High school! **Effective October 10** Farm Fresh will discontinue the single receipt tape labeled 123-4 the Community. **You will now need to submit the original FARM FRESH receipt tape**. Drop receipts off at the school main office.



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SCHOLARSHIPS The Hickory High School PTSA is pleased to offer four (4) scholarships to graduating students planning to further their education by attending a college, university or business/technical program. Students **must** be HHS PTSA members. Applications can be picked up in the HHS Guidance Office.

Deadline for receipt of applications – April 17, 2009

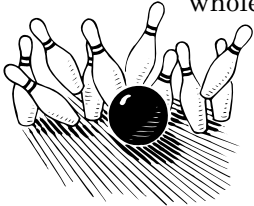
Please contact Mary-Gayle Uncur @ 482-7919 if you have any questions.



HHS PTSA 2009 AFTER PROM - Update

Hickory High School PTSA is sponsoring the annual After Prom Party in an effort to provide a substance-free celebration for the 2009 graduating class. This is promoted in conjunction with the "Celebrate Life" program and is aimed at keeping our students off the highways following the Prom, Friday, May 15. This year's party will be held at Chesapeake AMF Lanes and is *FREE*. The After Prom is funded only by the generosity of community businesses and individuals.

To continue this tradition, we need your help. There are various activities and many opportunities to support this wholesome, safe alternative.



PTSA After Prom Co-Chairpersons
Balenda Nelson 482-6354 Karen Newman 546-7566

- **Upcoming Meetings Information – All are welcome to attend!**

April 6; April 20; May 4; May 11

Meetings are held in the Media Center at 6:30 pm on the second **MONDAY** of the month. All HHS parents are welcome to attend and get involved with the planning and creating. Encourage your friends to join in the fun, **EVERYONE** is invited to participate. Mark your calendar with future meetings! Can't make a meeting, just e-mail or contact any of us to join in with the planning & making the HHS 2009 After Prom Party GREAT!

- **Unique Pizza & Subs – MONDAYS -All day & night**

Unique Pizza & Subs, 237 Hanbury Road, Hanbury Village Shopping Center, 819-6777, will donate 10% of your purchases to HHS PTSA After Prom.

Be sure & tell them 'You Support Hickory After Prom.'

- **Planet Smoothie – TUESDAYS -All day & night**

Planet Smoothie in the Hanbury Shopping Center will donate a percentage of your purchases to HHS PTSA After Prom.

Be sure & tell them 'You Support Hickory After Prom.'

- **To Donate After Prom Prizes for Seniors**

Gift Certificates, movie tickets, etc., please contact **Jean Aldridge 546-5711** or **Terry Corrigan 482-0356**

- **Game Committee Needs**

12 rolls of toilet paper, 12 rolls of paper towels, 6 boxes of plastic spoons, bags of individually wrapped candy. These items can be brought to the Main Office by Monday, May 4. Items should be marked '**After Prom**'. Contact Kirsten McGinn 739-3570 or hhsafterpromgames@yahoo.com

- **Guessing Jars Needed**

What is a guessing jar? A jar filled with something fun to guess the number of items, i.e tootsie rolls, lollipops, hard candy. Usually, but not always, included in the jar is a gift card or movie tickets.

If you are willing to donate a jar, please contact Kirsten McGinn 739-3570 or hhsafterpromgames@yahoo.com

- **Monetary Donation for After Prom & HHS decals**

To make a monetary donation for After Prom expenses & prizes or to purchase HHS decals for only \$2.00, contact **Balenda Nelson 482-6354** or **Karen Newman 546-7566**

- **Food Committee needs your help immediately!**

Volunteers are needed to help make contact with local area restaurants to donate food for the After Prom Party. Please contact Cathy Barrick 546-5445. Water & 12-packs of soda needed by Monday, May 4. Bring items to the Main Office marked '**After Prom**'. All leftover beverages will be used for the HHS Senior Picnic in June!

- **After Prom Decorating**

Due to the amount of work involved, we need volunteers. Please join us and share in the planning & creating! **Decorating donations needed:** gold metallic spray paint, red carpet runner, gold star shaped mylar balloons, black poster board, and white foam board.

Contact Karen Bagwell, 482-0383, kmbagwell@hotmail.com or
 Kathleen Pitts, 546-5176, thepitts@cox.net for donations and/or to volunteer for this committee!

After Prom Bake Sale

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Thank you to everyone who baked goodies for the Bake Sale.

!! After Prom YARD SALE !!

YOUR DONATIONS WANTED !!

Furniture, Household items, Children toys, Office equipment, etc. (*Please NO mattresses!*)

Date: Saturday, April 4

Time: 7 am to 2 pm

Location: Hickory Ruritan Club

- **Yard Sale Moving & Setting Up – Friday, April 3, 9:30 am to 6 pm**

Volunteers (and a few trucks in the morning) are needed to help with moving donations from Uncle Bob's, while others will be at the Hickory Ruritan Club setting up tables and getting donations organized for the BIG event.

Volunteer times are flexible! We need tons of people to help!

To volunteer contact Mickey Jennings at 718-4179 or mickey.jennings@cox.net

- **FINAL Donation Drop Off – Friday, April 3, Hickory Ruritan Club 9:30 am to 6 pm**

- **Yard Sale – Volunteers Needed Saturday, April 4**

Volunteers are needed to help at the Yard Sale event 6:30 am to 2:30 pm

Volunteer times are flexible! We need tons of people to help!

To volunteer contact Mickey Jennings at 718-4179 or mickey.jennings@cox.net, Darlene Martin at 421-4169 or Lisa Butkovich at 717-5522

Proceeds will assist with funding the 2009 After Prom Party!

PTSA After Prom Spring Butter Braids Sale

Distribution: HHS Media Center, Monday, April 6, 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Contact Lois Smith 421-3002

HHS PTSA After Prom Spirit Signs

*****Deadline to order: Tuesday, April 21, 2009*****

THREE different signs available. All signs come with a metal yard stake.

- \$18 - Personalized student's name along with Class of 2009, 2010, 20... (*Available by order only!*)
 - \$15 - Congratulations Class of 2009
 - \$15 - Hawk Pride

These 18" x 24" signs can be hung in windows and on walls or used as yard signs. They are sturdy, waterproof and very eye-catching with customized, full color artwork. Be one of the first to own one. Grandparents will love these also!

Distribution: Thursday, May 7, 2009 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. at Hickory High School Bus Ramp.

Checks made payable to Hickory High PTSA After Prom.

Order forms can be picked up in Main Office or e-mailed.

Contact Darlene Martin at 421-4169.

After Prom Party Volunteers for Friday, May 15(16)

Volunteers are needed to work to make this evening a HUGE success. Your student shouldn't worry about you volunteering, you will be VERY BUSY and having fun, too! Volunteers for ALL NIGHT are always welcome. Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

Decorating
Food pick up drivers & setup
Restocking buffet tables/clean up
Games set up/working booths
Sign in & sign out tables

You must be signed up as a volunteer in advance to enter the Bowling Alley during this school event! To discuss some of the possibilities, via e-mail or phone, contact Karen Newman at 546-7566 or newmak02@cox.net

Hickory Band Parents Association News

Congratulations to the HHS Winter Guard! Under the direction of Tim Gauldin, this newly formed group had an outstanding competition season! They recently took 1st Place in their class, beating out 3 other schools for the trophy at the AIA Open; they also placed 1st in class at a competition on March 14. They have practiced tirelessly for months, and their hard work has proven that they are #1!!!



Congratulations to the HHS Percussion Ensemble! Under the direction of K. J. Stafford, band director at HMS, our percussionists pleasantly shocked the judges earning their place in their first season. Placing first at the WGI Regionals held in Richmond, they continue to wow judges and fans as they competed at the AIA Open, walking away with First Place there as well. The Drumline will travel to Dayton, OH during spring break to compete in the WGI World Championships. This energetic group of 16 are diligently preparing for the competition. Wish them good luck!

What's All the Drama?

Hickory High School in conjunction with Music Theatre International proudly presents

Disney's "Beauty and the Beast"

Friday, May 1 at 7:30 pm
 Saturday Matinee, May 2 at 2:30 pm
 Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9 at 7:30 pm

in the Hickory High School Auditorium

Tickets \$10 online at www.hawktheatre.com or \$12 at the door
 For group discount, call M. Wood at 421-4295



Important Phone Numbers to Remember

Hickory High School	421-4295
HHS Guidance Department	421-7194
HHS Guidance Fax Number	421-4041
HHS Attendance	421-7363
Bus Transportation	547-1617

HHS PTSA Spring Flower Sale

Just in time for Mother's Day and Spring planting!

The PTSA is offering beautifully grown flowers.

Again, we will be working with Chesapeake's very own Jim & Tim's Greenhouses.

Order deadline: Tuesday, April 28, 2009

All orders must be prepaid and submitted to the HHS Main Office.

If you would like to donate any flowers, 5" pots or flats to HHS Beautification project, please mark item(s) as a "donation" on this form.

Distribution: Thursday, May 7, 2009 from 5 to 7 pm

Flowers will be distributed at Hickory High School Bus Ramp

Description	Quantity	Total \$
Green Leaf Begonias - 36 plants/flat @ \$12.00 – Prefers Shade		
Pink	@12.00	
Bronze Leaf Begonias - 36 plants/flat @ \$12.00 – Tolerates Sun		
Red	@12.00	
Wave Petunias – 5" pot @ \$4.00		
Red	@4.00	
White	@4.00	
Dark Blue	@4.00	
Geraniums – 5" Pot @ \$4.00		
Red	@4.00	
Pink	@4.00	
Gerber Daisies – 5" pot @ \$4.00		
Yellow	@4.00	
Pink	@4.00	
Red	@4.00	
10" Hanging Baskets @ \$12.00 - A perfect Mother's Day gift!		
Pink Geraniums basket	@12.00	
Red Geraniums basket	@12.00	
Combo flowering basket (incl. 4 assorted plants)	@12.00	
Name: _____		Order Total:
E-mail: _____ Contact #: _____		\$ _____

Please return completed order form to HHS main office by **April 28, 2009**

Checks are to be made payable to: **HHS PTSA**

Questions: Contact Karen Newman at 546-7566 or newmak02@cox.net

