

# Newsletter for Parents

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HICKORY HIGH SCHOOL, CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA

February/March 2009

## Dates to Remember:

- Wed., Feb 18 - Scheduling Video
- Thurs., Feb. 19, 6 pm - Scheduling Fair
- Thurs., Feb. 19, 7 pm - PTSA Open House
- Sat., Feb. 21 – Jr. Ring Dance

### Attention Senior Parents:

**Graduation will be held at the**

**ODU - Ted Constant  
Conference Ctr.**

**June 12, 2009, 11 am**

### Administration

Dr. Woodley J. Koonce III  
Principal

### Assistant Principals

Mrs. C. Sperelakis-Babb, 9<sup>th</sup> grade  
Mr. R. Harrell, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Mr. D. Joppy, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Mrs. A. Turner, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Mr. J. Wecht, Instruction  
Mr. P. Anderson,  
Athletics/Operations

### Guidance Department Contact

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Test Coordinator

Mrs. J. Wills – A-D  
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Mr. B. Markin – Vocational  
Mrs. D. Smith – ACCESS  
Mrs. C. Holmes – Student Asst.  
Mrs. N. Bullen – SOL Test Clerk  
Mrs. J. Newman – Secretary

### Contact Main Office

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[www.hickoryhawks.com](http://www.hickoryhawks.com)

## Scheduling Classes for 2009-10

The scheduling process for the 2009-10 school year is beginning. Students will view a video in homerooms on Wednesday, February 18. Homeroom teachers will issue a scheduling packet to take home. Scheduling sheets are to be returned to counselors when meeting one on one. An electives fair will be held Thursday, February 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the commons area.

The timeline for scheduling students is as follows:

**Wed., Feb. 18** - Students will view a scheduling information video in homeroom.

**Mon., Feb. 23 to Fri., Mar. 6** - Rising Seniors meet with counselors.

**Mon., Mar. 9 to Fri., Mar. 20** - Rising Juniors meet with counselors.

**Mon., Mar. 23 to Fri., Mar. 27** - Rising Sophomores meet with counselors.

**April** - Scheduling Requests will be mailed home to parents.

### 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.

## Spring SAT Workshops

The spring SAT workshops will be held Friday, February 27, 3:50-5:20 p.m.; Saturday, February 28, 8:30-11:30 a.m.; and Friday, March 6, 3:50-5:20 p.m. Saturday, March 7, 8:30-11:30 a.m. The sessions will address reading, writing, and math strategies, as well as test-taking tips. Students should plan on attending all four sessions to benefit fully. Participants should plan to register for the March 14 SAT test date to gain optimum benefit from this workshop. The registration deadline for the March test is Feb. 10, and late registration is Feb. 24. See Mrs. Winter-Traynor in Room 128 to sign up.

## Scholarship Opportunities

Scholarship opportunities are arriving almost daily in the guidance office. Seniors should check the updated listing often. The updated list is located on the guidance office door, on the guidance bulletin board located in the commons area, and on the televised daily announcements.

## Verified Credits Awarded Locally

Hickory High School will continue to award verified credits in science and history/social science for the Standard Diploma. No student may earn more than four locally awarded verified credits.

To be considered and eligible for locally awarded verified credits in science or history/social science for the Standard Diploma, a student must:

- Have passed the high school course but have not pass the related Standards of Learning test
- Have taken the Standards of Learning test at least twice

- Have scored within a 375-399 scale score on any administration of the Standards of Learning test
- Have earned fewer than four of the student-selected verified credits required for the Standard Diploma.

A student who meets all of the above requirements may request to be awarded verified credit in the subject areas specified. Students should see their guidance counselor if they think they qualify and wish to apply. Locally awarded verified credits cannot be applied toward an Advanced Studies Diploma.

## Financial Aid Season Arrives for Seniors

The financial aid season has arrived. Financial aid forms should be filed before Feb. 15, 2009. Seniors may pick up the 2009-10 Financial Aid Form (FAFSA) in the guidance office or the ACCESS office.

Applying for financial aid can be a confusing and stressful process. Be advised that help is available to you through Ms. D. Smith, ACCESS Advisor. She is available to:

- File the FAFSA for you online
- Help you complete the FAFSA
- Look over the FAFSA before you submit it

*“The most important thing is to file by the deadline.”*

Call or email Ms. Smith at [dsmith@accesscollege.org](mailto:dsmith@accesscollege.org) to ask questions or make an appointment to complete the FAFSA. The most important thing is to file the FAFSA by the deadline. Each college has a different financial aid deadline. See Ms. D. Smith for specific details.

## EARN INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS

**Attention Underclassmen and Parents!** Your son or daughter can now earn Industry Certifications at the end of many of our elective courses offered in Business, Family & Consumer Sciences, Marketing, and Technology Departments. These certifications, such as Microsoft Office Specialist, can help students test out of future college courses and/or earn them better paying jobs.

### Business Department:

*Microsoft Office Specialist Certification*

Sign up for:

Design, Multimedia, & Web Tech., Course 607

Computer Information Systems, Course 609

Adv. Computer Information Systems, Course 629

*NOCTI Accounting Certification*

Sign up for: Advanced Accounting, Course 613

### Family & Consumer Science Department

*NOCTI Culinary Certification*

Sign up for: Culinary Arts II, Course 960

### Marketing Department:

*Nat'l Retail Federation in Customer Service Certif.*

*Nat'l Retail Federation in Sales Certification*

Sign up for:

one or more of the Marketing Educ. courses

### Technology Department:

*Adobe Photoshop Certification*

Sign up for: Digital Photography, Course 898

*Autocad Certification*

Sign up for:

Engineering Drawing/Design, Course 916

Architectural Drawing/Design, Course 918

Advanced Drafting/Design, Course 921

# Student Assistance Program Addresses Parent Concerns

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Kathy Holmes if your child is dealing with problems such as:

- death or illness in the family
- bullying
- truancy
- separation or divorce issues
- depression
- broken relationships
- drug/alcohol issues
- family financial stress



All of these issues can have a tremendous effect on your child's success at school. Mrs. Holmes is here to help students to cope with the challenges and move forward. Information that is shared with Mrs. Holmes is confidential, and will only be shared with teachers at your request. Working together, we can insure that your child has a successful year at Hickory High School!

## TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Hickory High School Teacher of the Year, Phil Sabato. We are proud of Mr. Sabato's accomplishments as a dedicated educator and are honored to have him represent Hickory High School.

### Have you moved?

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.

### Study Hall Program

Hickory High School is committed to high academic standards for the entire student population. One way to ensure success is by offering a study hall program. Study hall gives students the opportunity for quiet study time and faculty tutoring at no cost.

Help is available in math, English, earth science and biology. The program runs four days a week from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. Bus transportation is provided. Contact Mr. Duvall at 421-7170 for further information.

## Summer Enrichment Program 2009!

Residential, academic two-week summer camp opportunities are available for gifted/high ability rising 5th—11th grade students located on the grounds of UVA. Three sessions are available:

June 21—July 2, July 5—16, July 19—30

Application deadline: February 15, 2009

Tuition: \$1,100 all inclusive, plus \$25 application fee

On-Line Applications at  
<http://curry.eduschool.virginia.edu>  
(434)924-3182



## Textbook Return Is Needed

As we begin the second semester, it is essential that all textbooks from the first semester be returned to Hickory High School. Students are responsible for all lost and/or damaged textbooks.



Please contact Mrs. Turner, assistant principal, for pricing information and other concerns regarding lost and/or damaged textbooks.

# College in the Afternoon



## Tidewater Community College Chesapeake Campus

*College in the Afternoon*, a program offered to high school juniors and seniors by Tidewater Community College, provides an opportunity to take college-level courses while enrolled in high school. Courses are offered on weekday afternoons and are designed to fit into high-school block schedules. Many courses are typically transferable toward college credit at most four-year colleges or universities. Courses will vary each semester.

The following courses will be offered in Fall 2009: Introduction to Biology, U.S. History, Principles of Horticulture, Theory of Landscape Design, Introduction to Psychology, Public Speaking, College Composition, AC/DC Circuit Fundamentals, Electric Motor Control, and National Electrical Code.

The following courses are typically offered during the spring semester: General Biology, College Composition, Creative Thinking, U.S. History, Introduction to Sociology, and College Algebra. Look for additional course offerings in electrical, horticulture and more.

Students interested in the program must meet the admissions requirements for special provision students and must complete the college's placement tests. If you wish to participate in the program, please contact the Admissions Office at 822-5117 and a member of the staff will discuss the admissions procedures and qualifications with you.

## CAREERS 2009

The Chesapeake Public Schools Career Fair, CAREERS 2009, will be held April 8, 2009 at the Chesapeake Conference Center from 9:30 am until 12 noon. The event is open to seniors only and is designed to provide opportunities to meet with real employers and learn the skills necessary to affect a positive job search experience. Employers include local, state, and international based companies offering anything from simple interview training to full-fledged employment. Some even provide college level internships and/or apprenticeships.

This experience is recommended to all seniors, college or employment bound. To register for this event, simply complete a resume of education, extra-curricular activities, and employment information from the time you entered high school, print it on clean white paper, and turn it in to the CTE Counselor, Mr. Markin, in Guidance. A permission letter and form will be provided when the resume is dropped off. All participants must ride the buses provided due to parking limitations at the Conference Center. All permission forms must be completed and in the CTE Counselor's hand before you board the bus to the career fair.

For details, such as the business casual dress code, or if you have further questions concerning this event, such as "How do I do a resume?", **see Mr. Markin in Guidance.**

## TCC DAY 2009



On March 6 we will be taking interested seniors to the Chesapeake Campus of Tidewater Community College. This visit is to familiarize seniors with the application process and available programs at TCC. The visit begins with a briefing by the Dean, questions and answers with current students, a tour of the campus, and finally, lunch. The field trip is from 9 am-12:30 pm, so you will need permission from parents and teachers. See Mr. Markin, the CTE Counselor in Guidance, to sign up and pick up the permission forms.

## ASVAB

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) will be given March 30 at 8:30 am in the HHS Media Center. The ASVAB is an aptitude battery that will help focus career and college major choices. This battery is free of charge and you do NOT have to join the military in order to take it. The only stipulation is you must be in 10th grade or above. This is a teacher work day and no transportation will be provided. If you have questions or would like to take the ASVAB, see Mr Markin in Guidance or drop a note in his mailbox with the name of the test (ASVAB), your name, grade and homeroom number/teacher.

## CCST VISIT

On February 12, 2009 the Guidance Director from the Chesapeake Technology (CCST) will be at HHS to address the sophomore class on available to them during their upcoming junior and senior years. The Physical Education classes will take their sophomore students into the Auditorium during their appropriate blocks to receive a briefing and watch a video on the various courses taught at the CCST, and students will be able to ask questions at that time. Mr. Markin, The Career & Technical Education (CTE) Counselor in Guidance, will have applications available after that date.



Center for Science & the various opportunities

## SOL Testing Dates

Please note the following dates for SOL testing:

Mon., Mar. 2	Writing Multiple Choice (English 11) Term Grads only
Tues., Mar. 3	Writing Multiple Choice (English 11)
Wed., Mar. 4	Direct Writing Prompt
Thurs., Mar. 5	Direct Writing Prompt make-ups Term Grads 2nd attempt
Fri., Mar. 6	Direct Writing Prompt make-ups (English 11); Term Grads second try

## Report Cards Issued

Report cards will be issued on the following dates in February and March:

**February 2 Report Cards issued**

**March 6 Report Cards issued**



## REFLECTIONS CONTEST

Congratulations to the winners of the 2008 PTA/PTSA Reflections Contest held in October and November. There were 36 entries this year. The first place winners in each category have moved on to the next level of competition.

The winners are as follows:

### Literature

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place—Jessica Potter
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place—Kai White
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Placed—Tiffany Wheeler

### Visual Art:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place—Silina Mize



### Music

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place—Orion Burke
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place—Sarah Camden

### Photography

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place—Elizabeth Vesely
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place—Jeffrey Muse
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place—Chris Comeau
- Honorable Mention—Derek Edwards
- Honorable Mention—Taylor McCorkill

### Film

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place—Chandler Perry

We are very proud of all of our students, and wish our students that have moved on to the next level the best of luck.

## IMPROVE STUDENT PHYSICAL FITNESS

The Physical Education and Athletic Departments at HHS need your help. We are committed to greatly improving the fitness of your son or daughter. What we are lacking is equipment. We are asking for donations so that we can build a **Pull-Up Bar Circuit Complex**. Please contact Jud Stokes at 560-0219 or email [Stokesjr@cpschools.com](mailto:Stokesjr@cpschools.com) if you would like to help.

# JUNIOR CLASS RING DANCE

The Class of 2010 will host the annual Ring Dance on Saturday, February 21, in the HHS Commons Area from 8-11 pm. This semi-formal occasion presents the junior class the opportunity to receive class rings. Members of the Junior Class and guests must have a permission slip in order to purchase tickets to this amazing event. Permission slips may be obtained in Rooms 114, 122, 203 and the Gym. Everyone attending the dance is required to present a ticket and a picture ID to enter the event. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Absolutely no tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets are \$30 per person and will be available the week of January 27-30 during all lunches.

If you bought your class ring from a company other than Balfour and you want your ring to be presented at the dance, it must be securely labeled and given to one of the Junior Class sponsors by February 20.

Dress is semi-formal—dresses for girls and coat, tie, dress pants, and dress shoes for the boys are required. A sweater and tie may be substituted in place of a coat for the boys. This will be strictly enforced at the door and inappropriate dress will be turned away. Pictures will be taken by Lifetouch and payment is required at the time the picture is taken.

This promises to be a wonderful evening. Don't forget to purchase your tickets!



## 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](mailto: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**.

## 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](http://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](http://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.



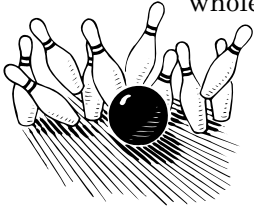
Farm Fresh receipts can earn benefits from the Farm Fresh ABC Program to provide free educational equipment to Hickory High school! Effective October 10 Farm Fresh will discontinue the single receipt tape labeled 123-4 the Community. **You will now need to submit the original FARM FRESH receipt tape.**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



# 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!**

February 9; March 9; 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**

- **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**

- **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](mailto:kmbagwell@hotmail.com) or **Kathleen Pitts**, 546-5176, [thepitts@cox.net](mailto:thepitts@cox.net) for donations and/or to volunteer for this committee!

## PTSA After Prom Spring Butter Braids Sale

Frozen Pastry Dough \$ 11.00

Butter Braids available fillings: Cherry/Apple/Blueberry/ Cream Cheese/ Cinnamon Cream Cheese

Also available Caramel Rolls & Bavaria n Crème

*Orders will arrive just in time for Spring Break!*

Order forms available in the HHS Main Office or on the [HickoryHawks.com](http://HickoryHawks.com) website OTHER/forms.

Orders due: Monday, March 9, 2009 HHS Main Office

Checks payable to HHS PTSA After Prom

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

**Contact Lois Smith 421-3002**

# !! 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**

We want your gently used items for the Annual HHS After Prom Yard Sale. Donations are being accepted NOW to be stored until Yard Sale. ALSO needed are donations of packing tape, boxes, labels, and other yard sale supplies.

**To coordinate drop off/pickup of your donations, please contact:**

**Mickey Jennings, [mickey.jennings@cox.net](mailto:mickey.jennings@cox.net), 718-4179**

**Darlene Martin, 421-4169**

**Lisa Butkovich, 717-5522**

Volunteers WILL BE needed to help sort, price, pack, label, and actually WORK the Yard Sale.

If you are interested in helping with the yard sale in any capacity,  
contact **Mickey Jennings, [mickey.jennings@cox.net](mailto:mickey.jennings@cox.net), 718-4179**



# HHS PTSA SPRING CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, March 21, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

FEATURING OVER 100 VA AND NC CRAFTERS  
DISPLAYING JEWELRY, GLASS, WOOD, FLOWERS, POPULAR FASHION TRENDS, FURNITURE  
AND MUCH MORE!  
CONCESSIONS, BAKE SALE & RAFFLES  
**ADMISSION is FREE!**

Our show will be in conjunction with the Martha Woolery/Krista Highfill Scholarship Field Day. Remember this is the PTSA's big scholarship fundraiser, and we need your support!

**Volunteers are needed in all areas of this fundraiser to help make this show successful!!**

Thank you in advance for any help you can give!

Any questions please call Susan Everingham @ 546-5615 or e-mail [HickoryHawks@cox.net](mailto:HickoryHawks@cox.net)

# HHS PTSA Spring Bulb Sale

The PTSA is pleased to announce "fundraising with flower bulbs" from Dutch Mill Bulbs again this spring.  
**All items are just \$ 6.00.**

**Deadline for orders: *Thursday, February 26***

Orders forms with checks made payable to HHS PTSA should be turned into the HHS Main Office Orders will be distributed Tuesday, April 7 from 5 pm to 6:30 pm at the HHS bus ramp.

Colorful brochures are available in the HHS Main Office. A condensed order form can be found in this newsletter.

If you aren't a gardener, or would like to add to your order, please consider donating a package or two to the Hickory High School Beautification Project. Donated items should be DEER RESISTANT and PERENNIALS.

All monies raised support PTSA school projects & scholarships for our graduating seniors. Volunteers will be needed to help with the sorting and distribution of bulbs.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, **contact Karen Newman, 546-7566, [newmak02@cox.net](mailto:newmak02@cox.net)**

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**PTSA**  
*everychild.onevoice*

**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.

## 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

