



Friends enjoying lunch together!

Hoosac Valley High School 2019-2020

Words from Byrd: Week ending 9.6.19

Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Diversity, Empathy represent **Hoosac PRIDE**

NEW THIS WEEK...

Join us at Meet Hoosac Valley High School (formerly Meet the Teacher). On Wednesday, September 11, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., teachers, administrators, guidance counselors, school adjustment counselor, students and staff will be on hand to introduce you to ALL the wonderful things HVHS has to offer, and to talk to you about your child's classes.

Does your child love animals? The Hoosac Humane Society is looking for members, and the first meeting is going to take place at the end of September. Students can listen for announcements regarding the time and place for the first meeting, AND they can check in with Mrs. Reeves in Room 303 for more information.

Farm-to-School Initiative: This year we will start the building infrastructure for Cornerstone Grown (thanks to the HVHS Farm-to-School Grant we received). On the "tennis courts", Blair Mahar's Timber-Frame and Wood Tech classes will be building 3 greenhouses (completely enclosed), 2 supply sheds, 30 raised garden beds, and an outdoor classroom (a roof but no walls); and we also have 2 large composting Earth Machines. The intention is multi-faceted: to bring fresh food and healthy choices into the school cafe, to have students establish a natural connection between the food they eat and where it comes from, and to reconnect with the natural environment and put the dirt in students' hands! This is an all-inclusive, school-wide initiative, and we will share what your students are doing along the way. The 8th Grade team and their students will also be involved in a STEM week garden focus from October 21-25. This is the big jumpstart to what is happening for the Farm-to-School initiative.

Having a hard time getting your child to school? Learning happens in the classroom, and absences can add up for various reasons. Check out [ABSENCES ADD UP](#) for more information about why kids miss school and how you can encourage attendance.

From the Guidance Counseling Center

10th and 11th Grade Students:

Sign up for the PSAT in Mrs. Nowak's office by Friday, September 27th.

Test Date: Wednesday, October 16th

Fee: \$20 (check or money order)

Parents of 11th and 12th Grade Students:

There will be a college information night on September 18th in room 328!

Please RSVP by Friday, September 13th to Mrs. Nowak (nowaku@acrsd.net)

CALENDAR of EVENTS for STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

September 11: MEET Hoosac Valley High School from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. **Be on the lookout for fliers and more information.**

September 11: PMP and Barrington Stage folks at both lunches and a World of Difference presentation for Sophomores and Juniors - 12:30 - auditorium

September 18: Jostens Rings Orders for Sophomores and families: 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the high-school Resource Center (information will be sent home).

September 19: Jostens rep at both lunches to help sophomores with ordering procedures.

September 20: STUDENT COUNCIL hosts 8th Grade Ice-cream social during 7th Period, and students will have the opportunity to run for class officer positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer).

September 25: STUDENTS dismissed at 10:40. In-Service day for teachers.

September 27: C-Schedule with the event in the afternoon. PEP Rally. Bonfire later in the evening. Invites coming soon.

September 28: Freshmen Reception in the MS Gym. More information to follow.

THINGS WE STILL WANT YOU TO KNOW

NEW Main Office: The main office has changed! Teachers, staff members, families, community members, and students will now be welcomed by both the high-school and middle-school administrative assistants when they come through the main doors. **ALL** business (tardies, dismissals, drop-offs, appointments, etc.) will be handled in the main office -- the NEW HUB of Hoosac Valley Middle and High School. Nanci Klammer is the HS administrative assistant; please see her for all business. Also... please be patient as we work through any kinks in this new process, and



remember that our entry procedures are to ensure a positive, helpful, and safe transition for all stakeholders. **Visitors will be expected to sign-in and wear a badge while walking the halls at HVMHS.** We have to account for every single person in the building at all times during the regular hours of the school day. Our emergency responders insist – and we are committed to putting safety first. We appreciate your cooperation.

PARENT pick up: Parent pick-up/drop-off is located along the front of the building facing Rt. 116 (enter by the Adams' side...drive up and follow the road straight ahead). Students should be dropped off at the corner. PLEASE be mindful of kids getting in and out of cars, and do not block the roadway. The BUS LOOP is for busses only. Our bus loop is clearly labeled, so violators run the risk of receiving tickets from police. Bus drivers DO write down license plate #'s and call those into the local/state police.

TUTORING Center: The Tutoring Center is now OPEN, and students are encouraged to stay after school from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Room 303. It is open every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday between 2 and 3 p.m. The center is run by Mrs. Reeves and the National Honor Society students, and it's a great way for students to complete homework and get extra help! There is a late bus at approximately 3:10 p.m. for students needing a ride home.