

## Hoosac Valley High School 2018-2019

### Words from Byrd: Week ending 9.28.18

**Progress reports** were sent home with your students today, along with a letter from Superintendent Vosburgh regarding a survey about “Alternative Learning Days,” as a means of providing students with meaningful, relative school work during snow days. The link for the survey is contained within the letter, or you can click below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5BSTM9B>

Quarter 1 ends on November 2, and report cards will be distributed on November 9. If you have questions about grades or assignments or anything for that matter, please reach out to the teachers by emailing them (last name, first initial @acrsd.net... ex: [byrdc@acrsd.net](mailto:byrdc@acrsd.net)). Or, call us at 743-5200. We are here to help.

Learn about Massachusetts learning expectations by exploring the new **Family Guides to the Standards** from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The Family Guides cover some of the learning standards that every student will master in each grade and how families can help them achieve these learning goals! Guides include

standards for English language arts and literacy, math, and science and technology/engineering. Check it out online: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/frameworks/>

### **FOR YOUR PLANNING PURPOSES**

**Grab-n-Go Breakfast is no more.** The cold breakfast that was being offered in the mornings outside the main office has been cancelled. Not enough students were taking that option in the mornings. However, there is GREAT news... students can STILL receive hot or cold breakfast for free each morning by reporting directly to the cafeteria.

**Student Gradebook Accounts:** Usernames and passwords for ALL students' gradebook accounts have been sent to your child's homeroom teacher. Most students grades 9-12 are already accessing the system, but many 8th graders are still having issues. Teachers are assisting students by giving them their usernames and passwords in homeroom. If your child has questions, please have him or her reach out to the homeroom teachers.

**Tutoring Center:** The HVHS tutoring center is open to all students grades 8-12 on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 2 p.m. until the late bus (3p.m. ish) in Ms. Reeves' Room 303. National Honor Society students are working with the peers in all subject areas.

**ALUMNI WEEKEND: Join us for some food, fun, and festivities!**

***Friday Oct 5:***

Boys' Soccer HOME vs. Mt. Everett at 4:00

Bonfire at HV from 6-8:30 (each team will be hosting activities, we'll have a concession stand, bonfire)

***Saturday Oct 6:***

Cross Country Alumni Race - 10:00 am - forms available in the main office and on website

Tailgating at HV from 12-3 (activities, food available for purchase, alumni tours) - all ages, non-alcoholic

Football HOME at 3:30 vs. Taconic

***Sunday Oct 7:***

Homecoming Dance Grades 8-12 (details are forthcoming)

**Monday Oct 8:**

Girls' Soccer HOME vs. Austin Prep at 12:30 -- **NO SCHOOL this day in recognition of Columbus Day.**

**October 19:** Picture makeup day.

**From the Guidance Department and the Student Adjustment Counselor**

**College Prep Info Night:** Set yourself up for success with the college search and application process.

- When: Thursday, October 4th @ 7 p.m.
- Where: The Williams Inn, Williamstown
- What: Join Dr. Joshua Mendel (MCLA, Director of Recruitment and Outreach), Ann Marie Mutz (Pittsfield High School, School Counselor), Lauren Mangiardi (MCLA, Student Scholar) for a free event for students and their parents. Sponsored by Adams Community Bank.

**Financial Aid Night for Parent/Guardian(s):** Presented by Betsy Hobson, Associate Director of Financial Aid at Williams College.

- When: Tuesday, October 2nd @ 6:30pm
- Where: Hoosac Valley High School Resource Center
- What: This presentation is in partnership with the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA). You will learn about the different types of loans, expected family contribution, etc.

**Berkshire Community College College Fair: [Wednesday, October 3, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.](#)**

Please have your student see the guidance department to sign up!

**College Planning Event for Parents and Guardians of Juniors:**

Find out what your student should be doing during his/her junior year to prepare for college!

Wednesday, October 3 @ 6:30 p.m. or Thursday, October 4 @ 9 a.m. at Hoosac.

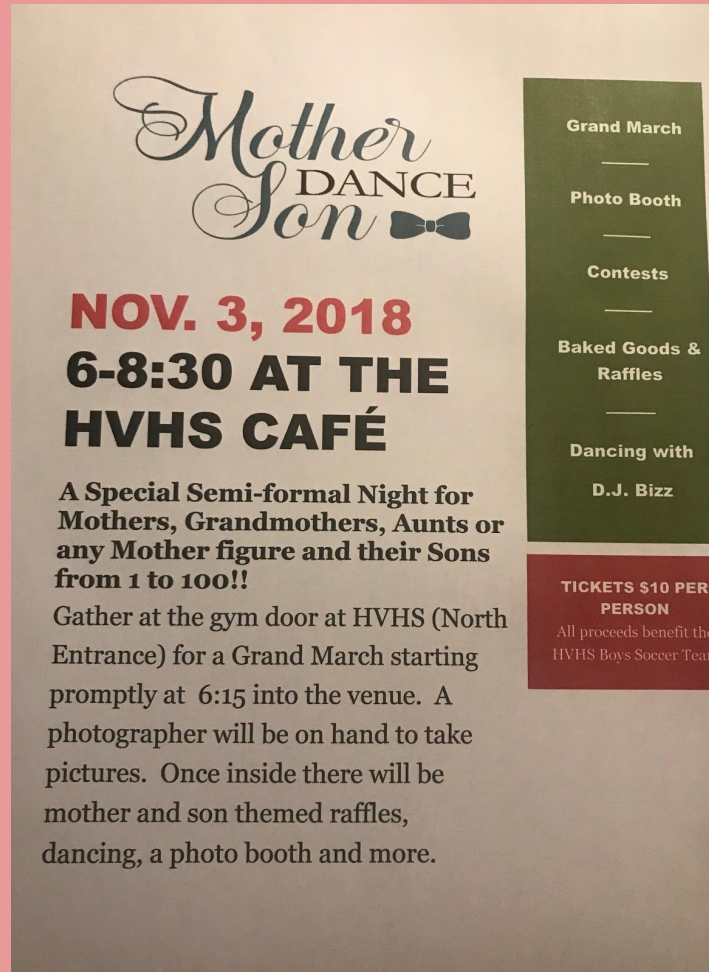
**Please RSVP to Ms. Ursula Nowak at 413.743.5200 ext. 5006 by Friday, September 28th.**


**11th and 12th Grade Students:**

Be sure to have your student check out the calendar on the guidance webpage for college representatives visiting Hoosac Valley. The calendar can be accessed by going to our new webpage at [www.acrsd.net](http://www.acrsd.net)

**Facilitated Group Support:** The first of our group series will begin in October and will start with a group for students who are living past the death of a loved one. The group will be co-facilitated

by our school adjustment counselor, Mrs. Loriann Moro and a Social Worker from Hospice Care of the Berkshires. The group will run for eight consecutive Tuesdays but will rotate the period we meet each week. If you're interested in more information or wish to sign up, please contact Mrs Moro at [Morol@acrsd.net](mailto:Morol@acrsd.net) or at 743-5200 ext 5007



*Mother*  
DANCE  
*Son* 

**NOV. 3, 2018**  
**6-8:30 AT THE**  
**HVHS CAFÉ**

**A Special Semi-formal Night for Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts or any Mother figure and their Sons from 1 to 100!!**

Gather at the gym door at HVHS (North Entrance) for a Grand March starting promptly at 6:15 into the venue. A photographer will be on hand to take pictures. Once inside there will be mother and son themed raffles, dancing, a photo booth and more.

**Grand March**  
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**Photo Booth**  
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**Contests**  
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**Baked Goods & Raffles**  
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**Dancing with D.J. Bizz**

**TICKETS \$10 PER PERSON**  
All proceeds benefit the HVHS Boys Soccer Team