



Hoosac Valley High School 2018-2019

Words from Byrd: Week ending 10.12.18

You may have noticed new entry procedures to Hoosac Valley Middle and High School. **ALL** visitors must check in with the middle school office staff to receive a pass and be called in to the high-school side. If you have specific questions, please contact me at byrdc@acrsd.net. People dropping off items will be able to leave those in the MS main office, and those things will be delivered to the high school. Thank you!

MCAS results were mailed last week. Contact us if you haven't received those results.

Playground Construction: NEXT week, construction will start on the new middle-school playground, which will be fully installed next Saturday the 20th. This message is to advise people that there will be some large construction equipment next to the existing playground, and

recess and/or practices/outdoor activities could be affected. The construction should last between 2-to-3 days.

Berkshire Kids Closet -- a FREE clothing closet for all DCF involved children in Berkshire County and surrounding areas. They serve children living with parents, foster parents, guardians, kinship placements, etc. Right now they have newborn through size 14/16 clothing, current styles and excellent condition only. Email them at Berkshirekids closet@gmail.com or send them a message on Facebook.

Hoosac Travels: There is still room on the **Belize** trip being run by Cheryl Ryan. Contact ryanc@acrsd.net for more information. **Spain 2020** trip is also accepting travelers. Contact byrde@acrsd.net or meczyworm@acrsd.net for more information.

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

October 19: Picture makeup day or retake day.

October 24: Half-day for teacher inservice. Students dismissed at 10:40 a.m.

November 1: **BLOOD DRIVE** for students and staff in the Hoosac Valley High School Arts Lab. Students ages 16 and 17 can get signed permission from a parent/guardian to participate and donate blood. Students who are 18 and over can sign for themselves. *Please talk to your children about donating.* The drive runs from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and students can pick up parental consent forms and more information in the main office.

November 3: Saturday, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Mother and Son Dance** for mothers, grandmothers, aunts, or any mother figure and her son at the Hoosac Valley High School cafeteria. The event is semi-formal and tickets are available now at the Pizza House on Hoosac Street in Adams from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day. The ticket cost is \$10 per person. The event will kick off with a grand march into the venue from the North entrance near the gyms with a photographer taking photographs of each mother and son as they go in. Once inside, there will be a photo booth, an auction, a 50/50 raffle, and a bake sale with beverages. Music will be provided by Hoosac Valley High School Soccer Alum, D.J. Bizz. All proceeds from the event

will benefit the Hoosac Valley JV and Varsity Soccer teams. Attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the middle school food drive. Everyone who brings a food item will have their name put in for a free raffle! For more information, visit the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Mother-Son-Dance-660056154380330/>

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). Or, call us at 743-5200. We are here to help.

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.