



Hoosac Valley High School 2018-2019

Words from Byrd: Week ending 10.26.18

NEW THIS WEEK...

You've probably already heard... In an effort to eliminate some of the social drama our kids are facing today, and after our presentation with ADA Kinzer, administration has decided to block certain apps/sites like Facebook, SnapChat, and Instagram. We will be meeting with the students on Monday to discuss our decision.

Yearbooks: Class of 2018 yearbooks, "A Brighter Tomorrow," are here. Class of 2018 students and parents/guardians are welcome to come to the high school to pick up their yearbooks in the FIRST office (MS Office). Books will be available along with a sign-out sheet. Other students, who have purchased yearbooks, are welcome to come to the HS office to pick up their books. Questions? Call 743-5200.

On Tuesday, October 30, we are having a kick off for our new Hot Chocolate Milk dispenser, made available by the New England Dairy Council. During lunches, students will receive hot chocolate samples and prizes, and there is a photobooth that will be available for pictures with Pat The Patriot!

WE STILL WANT YOU TO KNOW...

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Sign-Up Genius is up and running for parents/guardians, as conferences are scheduled for **Thursday, November 15, 2018**. Sign up to meet one-on-one with your child's teacher by visiting our website: <https://www.acrsd.net/Domain/8>

New Entry Procedures: 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. **Dropping off items?** No need to sign in. You may drop those off in the first office, and those things will be delivered to the high school. Thank you!

Service Members' Wall of Recognition: We are looking for information about graduates of Hoosac Valley and Adams High, who have served or are serving in a branch of the United States Military. Once we collect this information, we will be recognizing our service members in a Service Member Wall of Recognition in our atrium, and a list will be proudly displayed on our website. Please click the link to fill out the form for yourself or someone you know. **THE START TO OUR MURAL IS FABULOUS.**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfoqdJm92ExkipihUOlC5vfk1aq3Y_cWQ4DSX2RtHsHrrO9g/viewform

FOR YOUR PLANNING PURPOSES

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 2: Quarter 1 ends 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.

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/>

From the Counseling Center and the School Adjustment Counselor

November 16: STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Fair from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for 10th through 12th grade students. Students should sign up if they are interested in a career in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and/or Math. Please see Mrs. Lane in guidance for details.

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.