



Hoosac Valley High School 2018-2019

Words from Byrd: Week ending 11.2.18

NEW THIS WEEK...

Grades Officially closed today and report cards will be distributed on Friday, November 9. Parent/teacher Conference (Thursday, November 15) is a great time to discuss questions or concerns. Please make an appointment by visiting our website: https://www.acrsd.net/Hoosac_Conferences/8

Basic Rights in Special Education Workshop: Wednesday, November 14, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Mount Greylock Regional School -- Meeting Room A109. Joseph Katz will be presenting. Interested in attending? Call Irene Ryan at 413-458-9582 x2050 to RSVP. Or... email sgigliotti@mgrhs.org

AP FEES (Advanced Placement) are overdue! Students who have not paid need to see Mrs. Lane ASAP. If you think your child qualifies for free/reduced lunch, have him or her also speak to Mrs. Lane in guidance.

Facilitated Group Support: The next session in the school adjustment counselor's group series will begin in late November. This group will be for students to gain awareness and skills for developing the essentials of a healthy relationship. The group will be co-facilitated by our SAC, Mrs. Loriann Moro, and a social worker from the Elizabeth Freeman Center. The group will run for eight consecutive Mondays but will rotate the period we meet each week. Any interested student, who needs more information or who just wants to sign up, can contact Mrs. Moro. Parents seeking more information can email morol@acrsd.net or call her at 743-5200 x5007.

WHAT: TALK ABOUT THEM TUESDAY... A program to positively recognize all the good things our students and staff are currently doing.

WHEN: We'll be highlighting students and staff every Tuesday throughout the day....

1. On announcements
2. On bulletin boards
3. With visits to classrooms
4. On the whiteboard entering the high school
5. On our website
6. On our Facebook page

WHY: Because doing nice things for others is a good thing. And we're doing a lot of great things here at Hoosac that need to be highlighted and celebrated.

HOW: Complete the bottom portion of the TATT slip (find them in the main office) and return in person or via email by Monday afternoons at 2:00! Questions: Molly Meczywor

FROM THE CLASS ADVISORS

Students in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 should send in class dues as soon as possible. Dues are \$50 per year (or you can pay them off as soon as possible). Dues cover the costs of caps and gowns, senior class banquet, yearbooks for seniors (approximately \$10,000 per class), and they cover the class gift that seniors contribute to the school. In past years students have contributed a flower garden with a bench in memory of Daniel Petithory; they have contributed plaques; they have contributed furniture, cameras for the halls, etc.

Questions about how much you owe? Contact the individual advisor:

Freshmen Class: Ashley Tucker (tuckera@acrsd.net)

Sophomore Class: Rebecca Koczela (koczelar@acrsd.net)

Junior Class: Jen Dwyer (dwyerj@acrsd.net)

Senior Class: Tammie Shafer (shafert@acrsd.net)

FOR YOUR PLANNING PURPOSES

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/>

November 6: NO SCHOOL for students. It's a full professional development day for teachers.

November 12: NO SCHOOL for anyone.

November 15: Half-Day for parent/teacher conferences. HS Students will be dismissed at 10:40.

November 21: HS students dismissed at 10:40 to begin Thanksgiving break. Students return to school on Monday, November 26.

WE STILL WANT YOU TO KNOW...

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.

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.

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!