



Hoosac Valley High School 2018-2019

Words from Byrd: Week ending 11.30.18

NEW THIS WEEK...

PRIDE RALLY: Tuesday, December 11 at 7 p.m. We are set to announce students, staff, parents, and community members, who embody Hoosac PRIDE (perseverance, respect, integrity, diversity, and empathy) at our first Pride Rally of the 2018-2019 school year. Please join us in the auditorium as we celebrate our PRIDE. Guests will hear from former student, David Bailot, current students, admin, and others as we honor our tradition. All are welcome to attend, student, staff, family and community recipients received invitations.

On Tuesday, November 6, the Hoosac Valley faculty brought back the tenets of Hoosac Valley Pride. **December is PERSEVERANCE month.** The definition of perseverance is “persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.” Here at Hoosac Valley we understand that failure is a part of life, and we want to focus on the skills needed to be successful at Hoosac and beyond. Students should expect to see daily quotes, announcements, and a mention of perseverance through daily curriculum, etc.

MIAA Winter Athletic Meeting, Monday, December 3, 6:30 p.m. In the Hoosac Valley Auditorium. At least one parent/guardian must attend. Individual sport meetings will take place after this initial group meeting.

Art Hathaway Dinner: The Hoosac Valley High School’s Student Council annually hosts the Art Hathaway Dinner. This is a dinner to celebrate the life and legacy of former resident, Hathaway, and to show appreciation for the elderly in our community. This year the dinner will be held on **December 5, 2018, starting at 4:30 p.m.** in the Hoosac Valley cafeteria. The Student Council enjoys hosting this dinner for its **elderly community members.** Tell all the grandparents or neighbors in your communities. The HVHS jazz band will dazzle guests with several selections, and the chorus will delight the crowd with holiday tunes.

TALENT SHOW: Saturday, December 15, starting at 6 p.m. in the Auditorium: Come enjoy the talents of some of our students and staff. It’s going to be a blast! Tickets are only \$5 each and can be purchased at the door. Proceeds benefit the Class of 2020.

Safety update: Families, staff members, community members, etc. are reminded to park in designated parking areas throughout our campus. State Police are working with administration to construct a Medical Emergency Response Plan, and they were very clear that parking in “no parking” areas, handicapped areas (without the proper tag), or parking in the bus loop will result in ticketing and towing.

**FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT and the SCHOOL ADJUSTMENT
COUNSELOR**

AP FEES DUE: final reminder. The cost is \$93 for each course your student is taking. If you feel your student qualifies for free or reduced lunch, please contact Mrs. Lane by emailing lanej@acrsd.net or by calling 743-5200 x5009.

Jan. 1 and Jan. 15 college deadlines are coming up. Seniors... stay on track and make sure everything is sent in on time. Check in with your counselor if you have any questions.

“What you can do to avoid or minimize holiday stress inducers” presented by the American Psychological Association. Families can check it out at this website: <https://www.apa.org/helpcenter/holiday-stress.aspx>

FOR YOUR PLANNING PURPOSES

December 5

Art Hathaway Elderly Dinner: 4:30 p.m. HVHS Cafeteria.

December 7

Blacklight Dance at 7 p.m. to benefit the Class of 2019. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door.

December 15

Talent Show: 6 p.m. HVHS Auditorium. Tickets: \$5 each. Benefits the Class of 2020.

December 21

Half-Day: Dismissal at 10:40 a.m. Winter break begins. Classes resume on January 2, 2019.

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.

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!