



Hoosac Valley High School 2018-2019

Words from Byrd: Week ending 11.9.18

NEW THIS WEEK...

Report cards were sent home today. 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

PRIDE: At our professional development day, Tuesday, faculty and staff discussed what we are all about, and we dusted off our acronym. We stand for Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Diversity, and Empathy, and that will be our focus from here on out. **WE had a great week!** We kicked off PRIDE and Quarter 2 in a special way.

Students were met by teachers and staff in the atrium Wednesday morning; they listened to some jams, took pictures in the photo booth, and praised each other as we kicked off our Talk about Them Tuesday event. Thursday they heard from Ed Gerety, an inspirational speaker who travels the country telling stories about positive engagements and encounters he's had with students and adults alike. His message resonated with the HVHS students, and we carried that message into our day today by starting the morning off with a song and a cheer. Faculty and staff also passed out treats at lunch, and there was a dance-off in the cafeteria with several students! We promise to keep the momentum going because WE BELIEVE in YOUR KIDS! #hvhsfamily.

PRIDE RALLIES: We are busy planning our first PRIDE rally of the 2018-2019 school year. Save the Date for Tuesday, December 11 at 7 p.m. Letters will be sent home to students who will be recognized and invitations for the event will be mailed home as well. MORE information to follow.

Wall of Recognition Unveiling: Thursday (after parent-teacher conferences) at 7:15 p.m. in the HVMHS Atrium. Join us.

HVHS Football Game: Tonight's game starts at 6:30 p.m at Williams College... this is for the Western Mass Championship!

HVHS Cross Country: Western Mass Championship this weekend at Stanley Park in Westfield tomorrow, starting at 11 a.m.

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 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...

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.

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!