



Great Kindness Challenge Ambassadors.

Hoosac Valley High School 2018-2019

Words from Byrd: Week ending 2.1.19

Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Diversity, Empathy represents Hoosac PRIDE
February is INTEGRITY month.

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience,
but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

NEW THIS WEEK...

A Legend in the Snow: Our own Blair Mahar was featured in Berkshire Magazine’s Winter edition, focusing on the Mount Greylock Thunderbolt Trail and its history. Read the full article [HERE](#).

Hoosac Valley grad making his dreams come true: Brent Whitney is following his dreams and doing it locally. Read about the success of his business located in downtown Adams.

[Read the article.](#)

Lunch Lockdown Drills: The State Police will come up on Monday, February 4, during every lunch (both HS and MS lunches) to practice what we should do during a lockdown drill and to see how long it takes us. Half the monitors will take half the students to the HS Gym and the other half of the monitors will take the other half of the students to the auditorium, using the main entrances - staff keys open the main entrance to the auditorium. State Police will be talking to the students along the way, giving them information about the process. We won't be making announcements, and this is going to be low key and only in the cafeteria. Due to this, lunches may be delayed a bit and lunches may need to be extended. We will notify staff if this happens.

Flower Grams Available: Tell your students they can send a flower gram to someone special and help raise money for the Class of 2022! \$3 each or 3 for \$8. They can be purchased in Mrs. Tucker's room (321) during homeroom, Period 2 or Period 6. OR... starting Monday, Feb. 4 through Friday, Feb. 8 during 10:15 and 11:00 lunches. Flowers will be delivered on Feb. 14 during homeroom!

FOR YOUR PLANNING PURPOSES

February 7, 2019

7 p.m. PRIDE Rally in the auditorium. PRIDE recipients will receive a letter in the mail.

February 18 - 22

Winter recess. No school. Classes resume on Monday, February 25, 2019.

March 1, 2019

Snowball at the Holiday Inn. Last day for students to purchase tickets is Friday, Feb. 1.

March 15 and 16, 2019

Spring musical, *Fiddler on the Roof*. More information to follow.

FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT and the SCHOOL ADJUSTMENT COUNSELOR

College Bound Seniors:

- Do not forget to create an FSA ID and complete the FAFSA for college bound seniors! There are still many seniors and families that have not done so.
- A reminder to families that students must fill out the transcript request form following completion of their college application. This informs the HVHS School Counseling Department that the application has been submitted and supporting materials must be sent including the high-school transcript, letters of recommendation, current grades, etc.

- The next **SAT offering at HVHS is on Saturday, March 9**. The **deadline for registration is Friday, February 8**. Juniors should take advantage of this opportunity! It is HIGHLY encouraged that juniors take the SAT 1-2 times during their junior year and an additional 1-2 times during their senior year (depending on the score.) For additional testing dates, please visit <https://is.gd/WgEEQZ>.

WE STILL WANT YOU TO KNOW...

National Honor Society Clothing Drive: Clean out your closets! From January 28 through February 15, students and staff members can bring in any unworn/worn clothing and place them in the boxes that will be left in the atrium. Any donations will be appreciated. Items will be delivered by NHS members to local pantries.

Become a Team Member of the Haiti Plunge: The Haiti Plunge gives high-school students the opportunity to travel, to experience a different culture, to make a difference in other people's lives and to broaden their experiences. Upcoming trips: June 22 - July 1, Aug. 3 - 12, Dec. 28 - Jan. 6. For more information visit HaitiPlunge.org

Friday Night Indoor Soccer at Hoosac Valley Middle & High School: This is a pickup/practice. There is no need to sign up and there is no cost to participate. Games take place in the middle-school gym.

Grades 1-3: 5-6:00 pm

Grades 4-6: 6:00-7:30 pm

Grades 7+ 7:30-9:30 pm

Lost and Found: If your child is missing an item, remind him or her that it could be in the lost and found, located outside the main office on the table. Students have left hats, sweatshirts, and other smaller items behind. (Valuable property such as jewelry, electronics, etc., are held in the main office -- if turned in).

Our Friends from the Police Departments: In cooperation with local law enforcement, we are building healthy relationships between students, faculty, staff, and officers to help establish trust from the people who work so hard to keep our communities safe. From time-to-time officers will stop by to say hello, greet students as they get off the busses, enjoy lunch in our cafeteria, or simply walk the halls. In addition, you'll be receiving information about a community forum we are planning in conjunction with law enforcement, Northern Berkshire Juvenile Court, other Northern Berkshire Schools, and other agencies that will discuss topics affecting the youth in our communities.