

Hoosac Valley High School 2018-2019

Words from Byrd: Week ending 4.5.19

Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Diversity, Empathy represent Hoosac **PRIDE**

April is EMPATHY month.

“Empathy begins with understanding life from another person’s perspective. Nobody has an objective experience of reality. It’s all through our own individual prisms.”

NEW THIS WEEK:

It’s the 8th Grade’s Turn: ELA MCAS testing for 8th grade is Tuesday and Wednesday, April 10 and 11. Please encourage your students to come to school on time. We are holding an assembly with them Monday, to discuss the test.

PROM: Prom is scheduled for Sunday, May 26, 2019, at the Berkshire Plaza Hotel (former Crowne Plaza) in Pittsfield. Arrival: 6:30 p.m. Walk-in starts at 7:00 p.m.

SENIORS (Class of 2019): Dues paid after May 1, 2019, need to be paid by cash, money order, or bank check. Questions? Contact Tammie Shafer at shafert@acrsd.net or by calling 743-5200.

CAMERON WAGONER Receives Superintendent’s Award: Congratulations to Class of 2019 Superintendent’s Award Recipient, Cameron Wagoner. Cameron was recognized as the top student in his class; he will be attending RPI in the fall and while at Hoosac, he has received several awards in courses such as Spanish II and III, Geometry, Algebra II, and Biology. He also received the Williams College Book Award. Congratulations to Cameron! **DRESS CODE**



Reminder: With a change in the weather comes a change in attire. This is a reminder of the HVHS Dress Code: When dressing for school, keep in mind that the HVHS Mission is to create a climate of mutual respect and learning. This means respect for yourself and others. Clothing or other apparel that does not promote a safe school environment, is potentially dangerous, or is potentially disruptive to the educational environment will not be allowed.

For example:

- Clothing with pictures or messages the staff, faculty or administration determines to be vulgar or inappropriate.
- NO Confederate flags or associated imagery of any kind is to be worn or displayed in any way.
- Clothing or jewelry that advertises or suggests substances or beverages that are illegal in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for students of middle or high school age.
- Clothing that the faculty or administration determine to be disruptive to the learning environment, including but not limited to shorts or skirts that do not extend down the leg to at least fingertip length.
- Strapless or short shirts. The bottom of the shirt or blouse should overlap the top of the pants or bottoms.

FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELING CENTER

Students are welcome to take a BCC summer course at a cost. Registration opens on April 8, and the forms (Early College and Mass Residency) can be found in the HVHS School Counseling Center. To view a list of available courses visit, https://www.berkshirecc.edu/academics/programs-and-classes/Summer_2019_Course_master.pdf

Pre-requisites

College Level reading and Writing:

A 2.7 cumulative High School GPA in high school (even if they are a junior) will place the student in college level reading and writing. Anything below 2.7 triggers Accuplacer.

Math

A 2.7 cumulative High School GPA in high school (even if they are a junior) will place the student in college level math for Quantitative Reasoning and Statistics. Anything below 2.7 triggers Accuplacer.

- BUS-105 Business Math
- MAT-101 Applied Contemporary Math
- MAT-113 Survey of College Mathematics
- MAT-123 Elementary Statistics

Accuplacer still required for:

- MAT-102 College Algebra
- MAT-121 Precalculus
- MAT-151/ENM-151 Calculus I/Engineering Calculus I
- MAT-136 Math for Health Sciences

UNIFIED TRACK! Informational session for all parents and guardians on Monday April 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Hoosac Valley High School Resource Center.

Dear Parents and Community Members,

I am both honored and excited to announce that Hoosac Valley High School and Adams-Cheshire Regional School District are adding a new athletic program to our department. This spring our school will begin fielding a Unified Track and Field team to compete alongside more than 60 schools from around the great State of Massachusetts. We are one of two schools in Berkshire County with this new and wonderful program and one of only 10 in all of Western MA!

Unified Sports was first developed by the Special Olympics as a way to provide a high-quality athletic experience in an inclusive environment. This experience, like all of our athletic programs, will focus on developing and promoting teamwork, health, fitness, friendship, dedication and sportsmanship. Teams are comprised of students with and without intellectual disabilities. This team will represent our school community as a varsity team.

High school athletics provide all students the opportunity to practice, train and compete with classmates and friends, and to learn the lessons that come with educational sports. At Hoosac Valley, coaches are teachers first, using their fields and courts as their classrooms. Students on the Unified Track and Field team will have an opportunity to expand the lessons we teach in school each day and to engage in a new and exciting challenge. At Hoosac Valley, we encourage students to become valued members of society. One of the best ways to do this is through education and athletics.

We hope you will consider having your son/daughter join us in this venture. **We will be holding an informational session for all parents and guardians on Monday April 8th at 7:30 pm in the Hoosac Valley High School Resource Center.** At this session, we will present information about the team, register students and answer any questions or concerns. We look forward to seeing you all and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email us. Our first practice will be Tuesday, April 9, and our first meet is Thursday, April 11, at Wahconah.

FOR YOUR PLANNING PURPOSES

April 10 and 11, 2019

MCAS -- Grade 8, ELA (makeup on the 12)

April 15 - 19, 2019

SPRING BREAK. Classes resume on Monday, April 22, 2019

May 1 and 2, 2019

MCAS -- Grade 8, math (makeup on the 3)

May 16 and 17, 2019

MCAS -- Grade 8, science (makeup on the 20)

May 21 and 22, 2019

MCAS -- Grade 10, math (makeup on the 23 and 24)

May 24, 2019

Retirement party for Mary Tanner and Patty Misiuk, 6 p.m., Cheshire Rod and Gun Club

June 4 and 5, 2019

MCAS -- Grade 9, science



Hoosac Valley Nordic Ski Team
Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, April 7, 2019
8:00 am - 11:30am
Senior Center, Cheshire, MA

Cost: 7.00 adults/5.00 children
Pancakes, Coffee & Juice to be served.
Proceeds to benefit the Hoosac Valley Nordic Ski Team

5TH ANNUAL
SPRING
FLING
VENDOR &
CRAFT FAIR

Over **100 vendors** to shop from, along with food, activities, a raffle, and special guest appearances!

SATURDAY, APRIL 6
9 AM - 3 PM
HOOSAC VALLEY MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

To Benefit the Hoosac Valley Elementary School PTG

