August 1, 2019

Dear Member of the Class of 2021:

The days are getting shorter and back-to-school ads abound, which means the end of the summer is near. Hopefully, this summer has been a time for you to relax and reflect, as well as focus on your interests, your family and your friends. Junior year is an eventful and important time as you get closer to finalizing your post high school plans.

Student schedules will be available on OnCourse on the evening of Thursday, August 15th. New students may not have access to OnCourse for their schedules. Recitation will continue between sessions 2 and 3. The purpose of the Recitation period is for all students to have access to additional help during the school day. In preparing for this year’s Recitation schedule, we would like your feedback. Please take a few moments to give us your comments here.

Your first day of school will be Thursday, September 5th. All students are to report at the regular time of 7:45 a.m. This is a full day for all students. Students should wear their student IDs and have a copy of their schedule with them on the first day of school. All students will be required to wear their ID so it is visible each day in school. Charged chromebooks should also be brought to school on the first day.

Students should report to their period one class on Thursday, September 5th. On Friday, September 6th, we will begin our rotating drop period schedule with an "A" day.

Students should use the following building entrances:

- From 7:00-7:45 a.m., the bus loop doors will be accessible to students using student ID badges.
- The main entrance is accessible to students from 7:00-2:45 p.m. All students must use this entrance in order to enter the building after 7:45 a.m. There is an ID badge swipe at the main entrance.
- Students who arrive late to school should report to the main office via the new main entrance to sign in. This includes seniors who arrive after session 1 who need to sign in after senior option.
- During after school hours, only the PAC doors and those near the Athletic Office are open for students who have afterschool activities.

Students who are new to HVCHS are invited to attend a new students' orientation on Wednesday, September 4th, from 7:45 to 10:45 a.m., and the Freshmen/New Students' Welcome BBQ on Tuesday, September 3rd at 5:00 p.m. in the cafeteria for students and parents.
Please note that school pictures for all students will take place on Thursday, September 5th and Friday, September 6th, during wellness classes, study halls and lunch. All students will be required to have their pictures taken. Students will be able to purchase portrait packages. Information to purchase portrait packages can be found in the Virtual Backpack on the CHS page of the district website. The money for portrait packages is due on the day that your photo is taken.

Soon after school begins, we will have a class meeting to discuss the upcoming school year and other items of special interest to juniors. Until then, enjoy the rest of your summer. I am looking forward to working with you this year, and I wish you all the best for a great junior year!

Sincerely,

Tana Smith
Principal
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