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Year Off to Good Start

School is back in full swing! Students should now be settled into their academic schedules, as well as getting involved in extracurricular activities. The initial progress report distributed on Wednesday, September 16th should be a good indicator of how your child is progressing at Hillsboro High School. While it does take some time to adjust to new teachers, all students should now understand the expectations and requirements for them to be successful in each of their classes.

The fall semester tends to move very quickly due to the activities, school functions, and a variety of things in which our students are involved. It is most important that, as a parent, you closely monitor your child's academic progress on a consistent basis. Parent-Teacher Conference day is scheduled for Friday, October 30. I encourage you to contact your child's teacher to request a conference to discuss his/her progress so far this school year. We know that open communication and parental involvement

in school is important because when parents are actively involved with their child's education, student achievement levels increase. A marginal first four or five weeks can be overcome, but continued problems can lead to a loss of credit for the first semester.

All of your children are enrolled in courses that have some type of End-of-Course test, AP, IB, and or final exam. These courses affect graduation, scholarships, ACT/SAT scores, and college acceptance. Your children's consistent and applied effort in their classes is critical to their success in high school.

I am impressed with the overall attitude, conduct, and positive demeanor of our students since school has started. Our teachers, staff, and students are all working hard to ensure the continuation of our successful start. We deeply appreciate your ongoing support of and involvement in, these efforts.

Roderick Manuel, Principal

Homecoming Week at Hillsboro

Spirit Week!

Time Travel Tuesday

Dress in the style of your favorite decade-past or present
Enter the costume contest
Judging on the front steps at 11:45 AM

Wild West Wednesday

Wear your finest Western wear!
Stick horse races at lunchtime in courtyard!! Register to race!

Thriller Thursday

Break out those white gloves, gel your hair, and brush off your red jackets as HHS remembers the King of Pop, Michael Jackson!
Thriller dance contest at lunchtime!
Sign up to be part of the dance contest!

Green and Gold Day

Deck out in your Burro beads and Burro wear!

Homecoming parade and pep rally in the afternoon!!!

Come join your classmates and lend a helping hand as each class builds its homecoming float!
Monday-Thursday from 2:15 PM to 8:00 PM in garage area of Vocational Building
Freshman will meet in Room 124 after school each day and stay until 7:00 PM

AROUND CAMPUS

Open House for Prospective Families

Tuesday
November 10
Great way to see Hillsboro in action!

NEW FUNDRAISER FOR OCTOBER SHOES SALES FOR OUR GREENHOUSE

A new shoe store in Green Hills, Cute & Comfy Shoes, will donate \$10 for every pair of shoes sold on Friday, October 16th and Saturday, October 17th.

The store is located on the second floor of Zelda's dress shop. Call 495-8125 or visit cuteandcomfyshoes.net for more info.

Zelda's is a unique dress shop that has been in the Nashville area for over 20 years. The owner, Marcia Hunt, is a Hillsboro alum and the mother Zach and Shannon, also Hillsboro alums. Be sure to check out Marcia's dresses before going upstairs to see Darcy Bommer's new show shop.

Proceeds will go to the renovation of the greenhouse at Hillsboro which benefits Life Skills students. Every Spring, Lifeskills students host a plant sale with herbs, tomato plants and hanging baskets.

GO BURROS!

PTSA Key Contacts

Have a question for the PTSA? Interested in becoming a volunteer? We can get answers to your questions or help you figure out how to get involved.

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Act now to get up-to-date HHS news

The listserve is a communication tool that disperses school information via email. If you would like important and time sensitive Hillsboro news and information emailed to you please contact Kathleen Franklin at HillsboroNews@comcast.net to sign up for our listserve.



HHS PTSA

Message from PTSA President

October is here and that means lots of activities for Hillsboro High! Homecoming is the first week of October with lots of events at school for the students and opportunities for parental involvement. Be sure and ask your student every day what is going on and how you can participate. Meanwhile, our good neighbors at Belle Meade Gardener and Bluefield Florists continue to support the Burros with flowers and plants for evening events. Parent-Teacher Night was a great success with a huge turnout and wonderful spread by our Hospitality Team! And the September PTSA meeting with Dr. Register was well-attended. If you haven't been to a football game yet, please come

out and see our Burros and our wonderful Band who have beautiful new uniforms thanks to our Band Boosters! Our IB World School is continuing to attract attention from parents all over who are curious about the good vibes at Hillsboro! If you ever have any questions or want to get involved at Hillsboro, please call me or email me at sravol@gmail.com. And don't forget to sign up for the listserve if you haven't done so. Go Burros!

Find out what's happening at HHS by attending PTSA meetings the first Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the library.

Shop to Raise Funds for HHS

Thanks to all who helped in 08-09 bring in \$6,485.68. You used your Kroger Gift card, you used your Harris Teeter & Publix Card along with your Target Credit Card while shopping. Keep it up this year. Maybe we can double that number if we ALL PARTICIPATE. Call Ann McQueen at 615-414-1214 or amcqueen@helmsbriscoe.com for assistance.

Free Gas winner!

Carla Dowlen won \$10 in free gas from Mapco, for ordering her Kroger Gift Card the evening of the Freshman Meeting. Congratulations Carla.

DO YOU SEE YOUR NAME BELOW?

If so, your Harris Teeter card is **not** linked to Hillsboro High School.

Castelan
Hammett
Koomen
Yu
Whitlow
Rob Dyer

Antwine
Jewel Spears
Gerardo
Latosha Harris
Washington
Kenneth Evans

Bond S
Buckley
Holman
Jonson
Alexander
Reyes

On August 20th from 4-8 p.m., the merchants at Edgehill Village honored Hillsboro High School by allowing us to be the charity for their Third Thursday Event. Money raised from the night will go to the renovation of the Hillsboro greenhouse. We want to thank them for their generosity and, if you haven't seen the wonderful new shopping area that has been repurposed from the old White Way Cleaners building, you really need to go.

Thanks our neighbors at Grace's Plaza Wine and Spirits for their generous donation.

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Hillsboro's IB Middle Years Update

Hillsboro High School is a candidate school seeking IB Middle Years Program (MYP) authorization. Designed for students ages 11-16, Hillsboro will deliver the program to its ninth and tenth graders. These grades are critical in the intellectual, emotional, and personal development of our students. Students will learn how they learn and how to analyze and evaluate information critically. The MYP will help students stretch and grow and become active in an increasingly changing and interrelated world. They will learn to inquire and seek new knowledge about the world around them.

The Middle Years Program is for ALL ninth and tenth graders enrolled at Hillsboro. As an IB MYP candidate school, Hillsboro is implementing various aspects of the program this school year. Among these is emphasis on the IB Learner Profile. "The aim of all IB programs is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world." The IB Learner Profile is a means of developing students who will see themselves as global citizens.

The MYP teachers met during the summer and decided to focus on one aspect of the IB Learner Profile for each month of the school year. Throughout each month, announcements are made that will include a description of the characteristic, a biography of a person who exemplifies the characteristic and a quote for the day. The IB Learner Profile words for each month and the MYP teacher who will create the announcements and other means to educate our students about the Learner Profile are:

August – CARING – Dr. James Baxter
September – BALANCED - Ms. Nita Smith
October - PRINCIPLED – Terry Burdette
November – COMMUNICATORS – Emily Myers
December – OPEN-MINDED – Paula Smith
January – RISK-TAKER – Stephanie Knight
February – INQUIRERS – Sue Amundrud
March – THINKERS – Debbie Stirewalt
April – KNOWLEDGEABLE – Shirley Dyer-Beard
May – REFLECTIVE – Barbara Allen

To accompany the characteristic for each month, we are looking for guest speakers from our community to come talk with our students. Paula Jennings and Cameron Phillips are the coordinators of the IB parent group. Please contact them Paula at paulajennings@comcast.net or Cameron at nwp@comcast.net if you or someone you know would be interested in speaking to our students about the IB Learner Profile characteristic of the month and how this will cultivate a sense of internationalism in our students.

In August, Mrs. Chris McCarthy, CEO and President of Habitat for Humanity Nashville (a Hillsboro Alum), came and spoke to students during lunch about CARING in our community. As a result, a Habitat for Humanities Club was started by students who heard Mrs. McCarthy speak. On October 3, Hillsboro students aided construction of a home in the Timberwood community, which will be a neighborhood of 112 Habitat for Humanity homes. Knowledge leads to CARING, and caring leads to action.

(If you would like to be involved and help support Habitat for Humanity at Hillsboro, please contact David Williams (sponsor), david.williams@mnp.org or Shree Chudasama (club president), shree.chudasama@gmail.com.)



Hillsboro Cluster Gains International Baccalaureate Program

West End Middle School was authorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization in February 2009. West End Middle School joins JT Moore and Hillsboro High School as authorized IB schools. West End and Moore offer the IB Middle Years Program to all students, and Hillsboro is authorized to offer the IB Diploma Programme to juniors and seniors who choose the rigorous university preparation path. Hillsboro is in the application phase of authorization for the Middle Years Program in the ninth and tenth grades for all students. David Williams is the designated IB MYP Coordinator and Mary Catherine Bradshaw is the Diploma Programme Coordinator at Hillsboro.

Since the first IB Diploma class graduating in 2006, forty three Hillsboro students have earned the IB Diploma as well as a Hillsboro High School diploma. In the 2009-10 school year eighty one juniors and seniors are full diploma candidates. For the 2009 testing session Hillsboro teachers and students scored at or near the world average in the following subjects: English, History, French, Math and Theatre. Marti Proffitt-Streulli's Visual Arts students exceeded the world average.

IB World Schools encourage a balance between internationalism and local community service. To realize these goals Hillsboro students plan to work on a Habitat for Humanities house and tutor students at Carter Lawrence.

Need to speak with your child's counselor?

The primary role of school counselors is to work with the students of a school to help them address issues surrounding academic achievement, college and career choices, and personal/social issues that may be interfering with their education. As such, the counselors are often out of their offices or are talking with students and not available for people who drop-in and want to speak with them. In an effort to best serve the Hillsboro population it is requested that parents call in advance to schedule an appointment if they need to see their child's counselor for any reason. This way the counselors can be certain to have the time scheduled into their day and will have the needed materials or information available to help make the meeting as productive as possible. The counselor assignments this year are:

9th grade- Linda Carlson
linda.carlson@mnps.org or extension 2044

10th grade- Toni Murad
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11th grade- Terry Sharp
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12th grade- Meri Kock
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HHS Guidance

Meet the Guidance Staff

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12th grade	Meri Kock	meri.kock@mnps.org	298-8400, ext. 2041

In addition to the new counselor assignments, we've also had a change in our clerk position. Mrs. Hinton, who had been at Hillsboro for seven years, accepted a position at Hunters Lane which is much closer to where she lives. We have brought in Mrs. Jozetta Shaw as our new clerk/receptionist in the counseling office. Mrs. Shaw will be able to assist with scheduling appointments with the counselors, sending transcripts, answering general questions, and more. Mrs. Shaw can be reached at 298-8400, ext. 2040.

SAT / ACT Dates

2009-2010 ACT Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
October 24, 2009	September 18, 2009	September 19-Oct. 2, 2009
December 12, 2009	November 6, 2009	November 7-20, 2009
February 6, 2010	January 5, 2010	January 6-15, 2010
April 10, 2010	March 5, 2010	March 6-19, 2010
June 12, 2010	May 7, 2010	May 8-21, 2010

2009-2010 SAT Dates

SAT & Subject Test Dates	Registration Deadlines	Late Fee Required
October 10, 2009	September 9, 2009	September 23, 2009
November 7, 2009	October 1, 2009	October 15, 2009
December 5, 2009	October 30, 2009	November 12, 2009
January 23, 2010	December 15, 2009	December 30, 2009
May 1, 2010	March 25, 2010	April 8, 2010
June 5, 2010	April 29, 2010	May 13, 2010

SAT Only

March 13, 2010	February 4, 2010	February 18, 2010
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ACT and SAT scores

Please know that Hillsboro does not send ACT nor SAT scores to any institution, that is the responsibility of the student to have those scores sent to their colleges and universities. When a student registers for either exam there is a place on the form where he or she can list up to four colleges, universities, scholarship programs, and the NCAA and the scores will be sent automatically for free. If a student does not fill in any choices then he or she will have to order the reports directly from ACT or SAT and pay for them to be sent. The cost is somewhere around \$9.00 per report sent. If a local scholarship application requests a copy of ACT or SAT scores with the application packet, the student must provide a photocopy of his or her score report for the scores that they want included. Many students take one or both tests multiple times, she cannot guess which report should be included. The student will need to make that clear by providing the copy of their preferred score report.

Hillsboro's SAT/ACT code is 431680

Surviving Senior Year

College application forms

Some colleges have separate forms that need to be completed by the school counselor. Please get those forms to Miss Kock at least 10 school days before the deadline so she'll have time to complete them. This same guideline applies to asking teachers for letters of recommendation. It is also good practice to provide a pre-addressed, stamped envelope along with the recommendation form or letter request to the teacher and counselor whose help your requesting.

Upcoming college-related events

On Tuesday, October 6th, Hillsboro will be hosting a program called "The College Application Process- In Detail" in the auditorium starting at 6:30PM. Anne Edmunds from Belmont University will be presenting information on writing application essays, submitting the best application possible, how GPAs and ACTs are used in admission decisions, and more.

The MNPS College Faire will be held on Tuesday, October 13th, starting at 4:15 at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds. Representatives from over 100 colleges and universities will be available to speak with students and their parents about programs, financial aid, housing and more.

In early November an evening program addressing the NCAA Eligibility Center guidelines for prospective collegiate student-athletes. More details will be announced when they come available.

Finally, the annual Financial Aid Workshop will be held on Tuesday, November 10th, in the auditorium starting at 6:30PM. Two guest speakers will present information on university-based financial aid and on aid available from the State of Tennessee including the HOPE scholarship and other lottery-based funds. Everyone is welcome to attend, but the target audience will be current seniors and their parents.

Early decision deadlines

Many colleges and universities have November 1st deadlines for their early decision programs, priority scholarship opportunities, and more. In order to know if your child's selected colleges have similar programs please check the school's website.

Miss Kock is moving her website

Due to the popularity of the ClassJump.com website, Miss Kock will be moving her senior website information to that location as well. Please be patient as she gets it set up, but check it frequently for changes. The plan is to post new college visits, scholarship opportunities, regional college sessions, and more on Thursdays....but don't be surprised if it takes her until the weekend to get it done.

Attending a trade or technical school instead of college?

Did you know there are scholarships available for trade and technical school programs? Please read all scholarship announcements carefully, some will accept applications for students who are pursuing certification in an industry trade. Additionally, the TN Lottery program has \$2,000 grants available through the Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant for students who meet the HOPE eligibility rules but who are choosing to attend one of the many Tennessee Technology Centers across the state.

SLOW DOWN and do better

Recently Miss Kock worked with nearly 100 seniors helping them register for an upcoming ACT test date. One of the things she noticed was the students rushing from page to page of the form, not reading the instructions, trying to guess what was being asked instead of reviewing the requests, and more. It's important to remember that taking the time to read and thoroughly understand a task will help improve performance. This is true of all things in life, whether it's registering for the ACT, completing homework assignments, fulfilling job responsibilities, or anything else. Just slow down and read, you'll do better.

**Prospective
Families Open House**
Thursday,
November 10
5:30-6:15 Registration
and Packet Pick Up

**Refreshments and Perusal
of Clubs and Athletics**

6:15-7:15: Program
Hear from principal, Rod
Manuel and PTSA President,
Terry Sensing.

Learn more about the IB
Program from Mary Catherine
Bradshaw and David Williams.

Find out from Ava Diviney
what makes the Freshman
Academy so successful.

Listen to our guidance
counselors as they explain the
different paths to graduation.

Hear from assistant principal
of athletics, Carmon Brown.

Get the real scoop on student
life from current students,
and enjoy a few musical
selections performed by our
own Sophisticats and Band
and Strings programs.

**7:15-8:00 Tours of
Hillsboro**
For more information,
please contact Stephanie
Brakefield at 269-7837 or
thebrakefields@comcast.net

**National Honor Society
Applications Available**

Applications for the National
Honor Society are currently
available in Room 114.

A MINIMUM CUMULATIVE
GPA of 3.5 is necessary - Ms.
Organ has the list.

The application also
requires two faculty
recommendations and two
essays, as well as a list of
activities. It is due OCTOBER
2, in MS ORGAN'S HAND, by
2:30 PM.

Candidates will be notified
if they have or have not been
accepted.

The induction ceremony
is scheduled for October 27,
6:30 PM, in the Hillsboro
auditorium.

Audio Tech Helps Homeless

The first major project for all Audio Tech classes is to write and record songs of concern and empathy for the homeless families in this area and the world. The students will be forming their own publishing companies so that they will learn how that part of the music business operates. Students will then execute songwriting contracts within those publishing companies. The compilation CD will be sold and students participating in this project have agreed that all proceeds from the sale of this CD will be donated to the Nashville Rescue Mission for the homeless.



HHS Technology Ahead of Its Time

Last September 22 local news ran a lead story about Vanderbilt using technology that has been used in Mr. Perkins' classes for the last two years. The Classroom Performance System allows students to answer test questions by the click of a button. Students can also see their score immediately after the test. A quiz can also be given at the end of class to measure student learning instantly; which can be used to direct teacher repetition and instruction of weak areas.



In the Classroom

Social Studies at Hillsboro Reaches Far and Wide

Hillsboro's Social Studies department made up of thirteen faculty members is one of the largest departments at Hillsboro High School offering a variety of opportunities for our students. Our Leadership and Avid classes are part of the Social Studies department. IB and AP classes have many offerings in the Social Studies department including: IB History of the Americas, IB Theory of Knowledge, IB World Cultures, AP World History, AP Human Geography, AP US History, AP Government, and AP Psychology.

Economic students have been job shadowing with various area businesses. Social Studies teachers are coaches both academic and athletic. Social Studies teachers also sponsor Hillsboro clubs, including: We the People, Japanese Visual Arts Club, Burro Unplugged, and Mysterious Asia Club. Hillsboro Students will participate in the YMCA Model United Nations Nov 6-7 at the Embassy Suites in Cool Springs.

Parents should check the www.tennesseeig.org website for details. The students will be supervised by the staff of the YMCA and Charles Badger who is on the college staff. Ms. Bradshaw will coordinate the effort. Great things are happening at Hillsboro and more than likely, a social studies teacher is involved in some way!



SophistiCats prepare to perform a choral rendition of the Jackson 5 hit "I'll Be There," for parents at Open House in September.



THANK YOU TO WEST ELM AND POTTERY BARN FOR THE BEAUTIFUL NEW BENCHES ON THE PORCHES

Boys' soccer

Boys interested in playing soccer in the spring should be prepared to start conditioning soon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:20-4:00. Contact Coach Swihart at 298-8400 x 1109 or seth.swihart@mmps.org



Burros Sports

Vote for Your Burros!

Hillsboro vs Centennial on October 30th!

Comcast is conducting a poll to determine which football game they will televise on October 30th. There are 6 potential games and so far Centennial vs Hillsboro is tied for the lead. You can vote by clicking on the link below. The folks at Centennial really want this game, which is in their stadium, televised and have mounted a campaign to get everyone associated with their program voting. They have asked us to do the same. So please go online using the link below and cast your vote. You can even vote as many times as you like!

This game is also a huge game for Hillsboro and Centennial, with the winner more than likely advancing to the playoffs.

www.middletnhighschoolfootball.com



The Lady Burros won the Ladies Tournament 2009, Bronze Division Congratulations to the Lady Burros Champions!

Congratulations 2009 Homecoming Court

9th grade Tiffany Clark & Brian Wilson
Brittany Taylor & Gejuan Demby

10th grade Paige Jenkins & Dezon Dozier
Shatoya Smith & Jordan Payne

11th grade Brittany Tidwell & Robert Fischman
Kelley Tompkins & Mitchell Connell

12th grade Kyndal Cheatham & Michael Wyatt
Veronica Gardner & Cameron Johnson
Blake-Lyn Giles & Brandon Harden



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OUR MISSION

To create a community of productive citizens who embrace diversity, excellence, integrity and a commitment to learning.



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Please send them to the editor.

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Request for auxiliary aids at a school building statement

Individuals who need auxiliary aids and services are to make their request known to the building principal or department head prior to the date it is needed. (Interpreters for the deaf or hard of hearing must be requested forty-eight [48] hours prior to the event.) Mr. Roderick Manuel 298-8400