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July 25, 2019

Dear Hillsboro High School Parents, Students and Community,

As the administrative team of Hillsboro High School, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the 2019-20 school year! We begin this year’s journey with a pledge to you, our students and parents, that our mission is to make every student feel welcomed, connected, and supported at HHS.

Our staff of highly qualified professional educators and support personnel is committed to providing our students meaningful experiences both inside and outside of the classroom. We invite and encourage students to seize opportunities in all facets of the programs offered at HHS, whether they be academic, the arts, athletics, or activities. Students at HHS can expect to be provided a comprehensive educational program where a culture of excellence is fostered! Every Hillsboro High School graduate should enter into the community prepared for the demands of postsecondary education, meaningful careers, and effective citizenship. We are excited to announce that this year we will implement a daily advisory time. Each student will report to his/her advisory classroom each day for study time, character education, employability skills, and more.

Communication between home and school is a key element in the success of our students. We invite you to partner with us in support of the students at HHS. We will host a “Meet the Teachers Night” on September 5, parent conferences on October 22 & 24, as well as other special presentations to inform and educate parents throughout the year.

Visit our website, [http://www.hsdr3.org/o/hillsboro-high-school](http://www.hsdr3.org/o/hillsboro-high-school), to view the student handbook. Here you will find information about policies, procedures, attendance, grades, and discipline. This year you will want to pay close attention to the new policies regarding vaping on campus. We encourage parents to read this information with their students so that expectations are clear. Students will be provided with handbooks at the beginning of the school year when the principals visit classrooms. Another way to stay informed is by downloading the Hillsboro R-3 app through the App Store or Google Play.

We are excited to continue the tradition of academic and extracurricular excellence that makes Hillsboro High School distinct! Please stay involved to help further that tradition. Once again, welcome back! Let’s make it a year full of promise and opportunity!

Sincerely,

Dr. Cathy Freeman, Mrs. Stephanie Dix, Mr. Mark Groner and Mr. Edward Moreno

Together: Inspiring. Empowering. Educating
**Information to Review:**

**Bell Schedule:**
Beginning with this school year, the high school will no longer have block days. Please visit our website to view the new schedule. Hard copies of the schedule will be handed out to students and will be available in the office.

**Student Attendance:**
Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student’s academic success. We realize some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. But we also know that students who miss too much school—regardless of the reason—tend to fall behind academically. Students are less likely to succeed if he or she is chronically absent—which means missing 14 or more days during the school year.

*Be aware that students who miss more than seven days in a semester can expect to discuss the need for a formal credit appeal in order to be granted that semester’s credits. Additionally, attendance impacts eligibility for Missouri's A+ Scholarship.*

**Late to school/Gaining Entry/Building Security:**
Video security is used for entry requests during school hours. For students, this means getting to school on time is crucial, as all exterior doors will be locked at 7:35 a.m.

*No outside drinks or food permitted in if you are late!*

**Student ID’s** are to be carried during the school day and at school-sponsored events. Administration encourages students to have a picture of their ID saved on their cell phone. Students will be expected to have their I.D. available upon entrance to the building at the beginning of each day.

**Student Cell Phone Use:** Students may have cell phones at school; however, they are to be off during the day, with the exception of lunch and passing periods. They will be used in classrooms when directed by the teacher for educational purposes, otherwise phones will be checked in to a pocket chart in each classroom at the start of the hour.

**Student Dress and Grooming:**
- Above all, clothing is not to be offensive
- Clothing must be free of vulgar slogans/pictures, racial slurs, or references to drugs, tobacco or alcohol.
- Shirts must have at least an ID-width sleeve
- Skirts and shorts should be fingertip length at a minimum.
- Clothing should be free of tears, rips and holes in areas above the acceptable fingertip length of shorts and skirts.
- Wearing a hat in the building is acceptable. Wearing a hood is not.

***Please note: While our goal is always to keep students present for instruction, HHS Administration will send students home if violations are such that cannot be remedied at school. Whether or not clothing is offensive is determined by administrator discretion.***
Important Dates at HHS for 1st quarter:

FRESHMEN and FRESHMAN PARENTS!!! Be sure to attend Camp Hawk August 8!
(For more detailed information, please refer to your Camp Hawk informational packet)

Student Schedule Pick Up, Locker Assignments & Parking Registration:

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Thursday, August 15: First day of school

Friday, August 16: School Picture Day, grades 9-11

Friday, August 23: Last day for schedule changes

Friday, August 30, & Monday, September 2: No School, Labor Day Weekend

Thursday, September 5: Meet The Teachers Night—6:00-8:00 p.m.

Monday, September 23, No School, Teacher PD Day

October 7-11: Spirit Week!

October 11: End of 1st Quarter

Saturday, October 12: Homecoming Dance

Tuesday, October 22: First quarter attendance incentive for 11th & 12th grades

Wednesday, October 23: First quarter attendance incentive for 9th & 10th grades

October 22nd & 24th: Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences
Stay in touch and informed!

HHS Contact Information:

Main Office: 636-789-0010
Attendance Secretary: 636-789-0010, ext. 1012
Registrar: 636-789-0010, ext. 1103
Counseling Office Secretary: 636-789-0010, ext. 1006
Nurse’s Office: 636-789-0010, ext. 1008

Follow us on social media!

HHS Website: http://www.hsdr3.org/o/hillsboro-high-school
HHS Twitter: https://twitter.com/HHSAdminteam
HHS Instagram: http://instagram.com/hillsborohsadmin
HHS Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Hillsboro-High-School-121363832679/

HHS will communicate with families regularly via email and text.

Please make sure your email addresses are up to date in Infinite Campus.

To receive district and HHS texts:

- Text the word START to 91201.
- Text YES to confirm that you would like to receive text messages from the district.

Please note that additional charges may apply to the delivery of text messages. Contacts who want to receive text messages should be aware that phone service providers may charge extra for texting services. Neither Infinite Campus nor Hillsboro R-3 is responsible for text message charges.