

JOHN HERSEY HOMEFRONT



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

September 2023

From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to Homefront, our monthly newsletter designed to bring a roundup of essential updates, noteworthy dates, and the latest news and notes from within our school community. Our hope is create a user-friendly platform that connects our families with useful information from Hersey, and District 214.

As summer transitions into fall, I am already starting to think about my first Hersey Homecoming and all of the surrounding events that will make this a wonderful week. I look forward to sharing in these traditions, and to so many more that make our Hersey community a special one.

H. McFaul

Empowering Parents

District 214 is hosting a parent night to help support your student! Hear from Division Heads for Student Success, Safety & Wellness (Deans), School Resource Officers, and Community Partners, on what parents need to know today regarding substance use, social media, and mental health.

Two Date Options...

- August 24th (English only)
- September 6th (English & Spanish)

See attached flyer for more details.



Looking for an opportunity to get involved and make a difference to students and staff here at Hersey?

Join Today!



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Upcoming Dates & Events

9/4: Labor Day - School Closed

**9/5 - 9/8: Picture Day
(taken during PE)**

**9/25: Non-Attendance Day
Building Closed**



Homecoming Week Events

9/25: Banner Painting

9/26: The Big Game Assembly

9/26: Open Mic Night

9/27 - Dodgeball

**9/28 - Boys Soccer vs Prospect,
@6:45pm, JHHS Stadium**

9/29 - Homecoming Coronation

**9/29 - Football vs Prospect,
@7:00pm, JHHS Stadium**

**9/30 - Homecoming Dance
@7:00-9:30pm**

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The Parent Council



What is The Parent Council (TPC)? We are parent volunteers, supported by the principal, who plan & host student and staff events, including:

- || Open House Event
- || Recreation Night for Freshman/Sophomores
- @ Grant money for our 40+ Hersey student clubs
- @ Scholarships (10) valued at \$500 each for seniors
- || Spirit Wear fundraiser
- @ Snacks/holiday treats for students during finals week
- || Dinner for staff during conferences
- @ Teacher Appreciation Week breakfast for staff... and more!

Thank You

for donating to
The Parent Council
2023-2024 school
year. 100% of funds
support the
students and
staff of John
Hersey High
School.



Contribute today!

- 1 Please support TPC visit
http://bit.ly/TPC2023_4

*There is no obligation to attend meetings! ♦

each
\$30

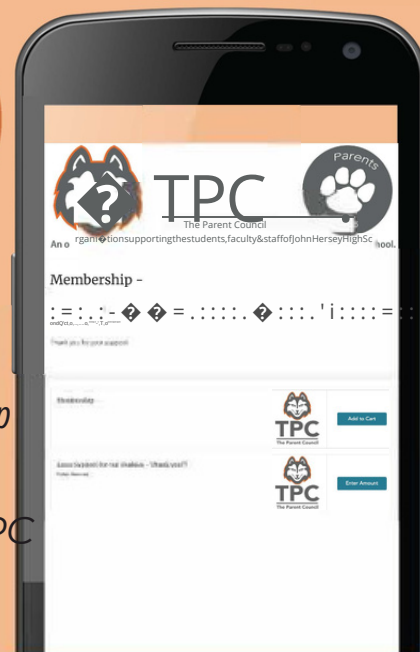
contribution receives a
Hersey car magnet!*

Want to meet with us?

- 2 A group of parents meet the second Monday of
each month at 7PM at Hersey High School inside
the main office/ board room with the principal.
E-mail herseytpc@gmail.com to receive the 2023-24
meeting schedule & join a committee. It's fun!

@ John Hersey
High School
Parents Group

HerseyTPC



Join us! Want to meet other great Hersey parents? Email herseytpc@gmail.com

The Parent
Council Executive
Board

President
Michelle Koclanis

Vice President
Melisa Teuscher

Treasurer
Audrey Skiera

Co-Secretaries
Karen Gatta
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The Parent Council - TPC



An organization supporting the students, faculty & staff of John Hersey High School.

2023-24 Meeting Calendar

Meeting Dates: John Hersey High School - **TEACHERS LOUNGE @ 7PM**

Monday | September 11

Monday | October 9

Monday | November 13

Thursday | December 7 *Holiday Party!* Location TBD

NO JANUARY MEETING

Monday | February 12

Monday | March 11

Monday | April 15

Monday | May 13

2023-24 Calendar of TPC Events: Sign up to volunteer!

THURS. AUG 31	Open House @ 6PM TPC Reg. Table + Coordinate Treats
THURS. OCT 26 @ 4-9pm	Teacher Conferences Dinner Coordinate Dinner for 150 Staff
OCT/NOV	Spirit Wear Fundraiser
DEC (TBD)	Grant Coordination - Fund Distribution (40+ student clubs)
THURS DEC 21 @ 7:30AM	Snacks / Finals @ 7:00AM (Finals Dec. 21/22)
DEC TBD @ 6PM	8th Gr Elective/Career Pathway Night <i>TPC Registration Table</i>
FEB (TBD)	Senior Scholarship Committee Begin application process!
MAR (TBD)	8th Grade Activities Night <i>TPC Registration Table</i>
APR (TBD)	Spirit Wear Fundraiser (TBD)
MAY 6-10 (TBD)	Teacher Appreciation Week (1 breakfast / 1 lunch)
WED MAY 22 (TBD)	Award TPC Scholarships (10) valued at \$500 / for seniors
THURS. MAY 30	Snacks/ Finals @ 7:00AM ----- SUMMER!!

Social Media:

Twitter:

@HerseyTPC (The Parent Council)

@HerseyHuskies (Main School feed)



Spirit Wear Sale!

Order by Sept 17

<https://bit.ly/47Sy3BqSpiritwear2023>

*All items will be delivered to Hersey for
Pick up in-school before Halloween!



HERSEY ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

501C(3)



~~WWW.HERSEYATHLETICBOOSTERS.ORG~~

August 2023

Upcoming Parents Night Out

2023 / 2024 Athletic Booster Board Members

Jen Ortman, *President*
Robyn Pflomm, *Vice-President*
Steve Neill, *Treasurer*
Carrie Donovan, *Secretary*
Melissa Ackerman
Anne Marie Flaherty
Brett Guerard
Karen Gatta
Jeff Gradek
Julia Hermann
Melissa Irwin
Scott Kirsch
Paul Nawrot
John Nugent
Traci Platt
Katie Stawicki

2022/2023 Investments in Hersey Athletics

All Sport Utility Cart
Boys Lacrosse Bags
Wrestling Bands
Basketball Shoot-a-way
Girls Lacrosse Backpacks
Track Hurdles
Cross Country Tent
Girls Soccer Parkas
Boys Golf Bags

Come join us at HOME Bar in Prospect Heights for a fun night of community, music and prizes. Reconnect with friends and supporters and meet new parents new to Hersey Boosters. Event is being held September 23rd 7-9pm

Secure your tickets at <https://one.bidpal.net/fall2023parentsnightout>. \$30 prepaid, \$35 at the door ~~includes 2 drinks. Make sure to purchase now to save.~~ Purchase tickets towards the raffles and games online as well. We are expecting a wonderful turnout and excited to see everyone!

2023/2024 Memberships are available. Join Today!

Make sure to join the Boosters and support our Hersey athletes. We have three membership levels.

Standard: 2 Individual, One-Time Only Hersey Varsity Regular Home Game (Football or Basketball) Entrance Passes.

Gold: 1 Year Family Pass to Hersey Varsity Regular Home Game (Football and Basketball). NEW, 1st Time Booster Families get a FREE BOOSTER LAWN SIGN. BEST VALUE!!!

Lifetime: Lifetime Family Pass to Hersey Varsity Regular Home Game (Football and Basketball). NEW, 1st Time Booster Families get a FREE BOOSTER LAWN SIGN.

Join today! Get your Memberships at our website
www.herseyathleticboosters.org.

Huskie Pride

The Boosters are always looking for opportunities to boost Huskie Pride and enhance the athletic experience for our entire community. We are excited to sponsor the fall kick off on August 25th and looking forward to seeing everyone!

@[HerseyBoosters](#)



[HerseyHighSchoolAthleticBoosterClub](#)

\$40,408.50

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB
INVESTED IN HERSEY
MEMBERS IN 2022/2023
ATHLETICS IN 2022/2023

\$1,000,000+

INVESTED IN HERSEY
ATHLETICS SINCE 1987

Choral Association of Parents & Students

2023-2024 CAP+S MEMBERSHIP

Dear Parents,

We invite you to become a booster of the JHHS choral program by joining **cap+s** through the membership opportunities described below. The work of this group directly benefits all of the students, and has a direct impact on the opportunities we are able to offer.

Our goal this year is 100% participation. Because of our success at our annual fundraiser, Chicagoland Showcase, we have been able to lower the membership fees with the hope that we will meet our goal of 100% participation. We are grateful for your generosity. Please know that we are counting on your support to offer the best program possible for each and every student!!

Please keep in mind, cap+s is a 501c3 organization. As such your membership is considered a donation and is tax deductible.

cap+s membership supports the choral music program and impacts each choral student directly by funding:

Scholarships Clinicians/special event professional musicians
Awards Concert expenses (printing/postage/refreshments)
Concert attire (purchase/maintenance) Educational opportunities @ colleges
Transportation Equipment as needed

Through your generosity, we have purchased

Grand Piano Testing Recorders
Portable Sound System Dickens Costumes
Choral Risers Desk-top Computer
CD Duplicating Equipment College trip buses
Electronic Keyboard Scholarships
Sound Headsets/Speakers Microphones

Please complete the form on the reverse side of this letter, make check payable to **cap+s** and return it to the choral office or to the Vice Presidents by Friday, September 1st or check mark the box to send me an invoice to pay electronically. An invoice will be emailed to you to be paid online.

John Hersey HS – Choral Office
1900 East Thomas
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Thank you for your support!

Claudette Boeykens/Kathy Charley Gad
Vice Presidents – cap+s
Membership/Recruitment
(vicepresident@herseychoir.com)

PLEASE COMPLETE FORM ON REVERSE SIDE OF THIS LETTER!!



CAP+S 2023-2024 MEMBERSHIP

NAME _____

(Please print as you would like your name(s) to appear in choral program)

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

Home Cell

PARENT E-MAIL _____

STUDENT NAME _____

Please indicate which membership you wish with an "X" (501c3 – tax deductible)

_____ Family Membership. **\$ 50** Includes 2 complimentary tickets per concert (Winter & Spring – does **NOT** include Holiday Concert)

_____ Platinum Membership **\$200** Includes 4 complimentary tickets per concert (Fall, Spring, Winter, & Holiday Concert) in preferred center section front to middle row seating

_____ Donation (Amount is your choice)

_____ Please send me an invoice for the amount selected above so I may pay electronically

Please make checks payable to CAPS and return with form to Choir Office or mail to:

John Hersey HS - Choir
Office 1900 East Thomas
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Welcome to the Choral Association of Parents & Students!

Please feel free to contact Claudette Boeykens or Kathy Charley-Gad
(vicepresident@herseychoir.com) with concerns or questions.

11TH ANNUAL

JOHNHERSEY HIGHSCHOOL

MATTRESS FUNDRAISER



BIG SAVINGS
FINANCING AVAILABLE

Beautyrest



Adjustable Base



Luxury Pillows



Mattress Protector

SAT. OCT 28

10AM-5PM

@Hersey H.S. Cafeteria

Benefits The Choir

SAVE THE DATE!



chris.paulk@cfsbeds.com

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For more info: Scan QR code for Facebook page
#beds4hersey10%

John Hersey High School Choir Fall Mums Sale 2023



The John Hersey High School Choir is holding a fall plant sale to raise funds for the student accounts & the choir program. Students can earn money to pay towards fees, student trips, voice lessons, tickets, etc. 9" potted mums are available in various colors, grown to order by Countryside Flower Shop in Crystal Lake. Complete the form below to order or visit the Give Butter Website listed below. If there is no student name listed, those proceeds will go into the CAP+S Scholarship Fund to help families in need with costs associated with choir. The students will earn \$7.00 per mum sold. We encourage you to ask your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. if they are interested. Happy Planting!

COLORS AVAILABLE (shades may vary)	QUANTITY
RED	
YELLOW	
PURPLE / LAVENDER	
ORANGE / BRONZE	
WHITE	

Total Ordered: _____ X \$16.00 = _____

Student Name: _____

Customer Name: _____

Customer Cell Phone: _____

Customer Email: _____

Notes:

- Please make checks payable to CAP+S (Choral Association of Parents & Students).
- Orders & payment is due by Friday, August 25th to the Choir Office. **No late orders will be accepted!**
- Pick up date is Saturday, September 23th from 1pm – 3pm.
- Contact Denise Gordon @ gordo5500@yahoo.com with any questions.
- Orders can be placed online as well at <https://givebutter.com/4svIeH>. A small service fee will be applied.



Hersey Instrumental Association (HIA) is an all-volunteer 501(c)3 non-profit organization run entirely by band parents. We are dedicated to enhancing the Hersey Band program by providing an environment that supports the educational and musical objectives, academic progress, and general welfare of the student musicians. Every year HIA raises funds to provide scholarships, sponsor learning opportunities, purchase needed equipment, and fund band programs. We invite you to support the band! Visit our website: [Herseyband.com](https://www.herseyband.com) for information on our programs.



2023-2024 Fundraisers

Community Sponsorship

The community provides vital financial support needed to help the JHHS band program and its students thrive. Sponsorships partially fund scholarships for students in need, our fall marching band production, workshops with renowned clinicians, and performances at local venues with professional musicians. As a sponsor, businesses and other community members gain enhanced visibility, exposure, and access to new audiences. Support provides an equitable experience for ALL students in the band program regardless of financial status.

You can learn all about our sponsorship program for the 2023-2024 academic year in the [sponsorship brochure](#). Once you are ready to become a community sponsor, please follow the steps on our [website](#).

Chance to Shine Raffle

Visit [Herseyband.com](https://www.herseyband.com) beginning Sept. 7 to learn more about our *Chance to Shine* raffle. You can purchase raffle tickets at the JHHS home football games on Sept. 14, Sept. 29 and Oct. 13. Chance to Shine raffle tickets will also be available for purchase direct from Hersey Band students and on [Herseyband.com](https://www.herseyband.com) through Oct. 16. Winning tickets will be drawn following the marching band half-time performance on Oct. 20.

Family Sponsorship

Become a family sponsor of the band. Family sponsorship is open to the entire Hersey community – parents, grandparents, alums and friends of the program! Your family sponsorship includes admission for all immediate family (parents and children) to all band performances at JHHS in the 2023-2024 school year. Visit [HerseyBand.com](https://www.herseyband.com) for additional information on Gold and Platinum-level sponsorships.

Once you are ready to become a family sponsor, please follow the steps on our [website](#).

JHHS Theatre presents



November 9, 10 & 11

What would you do if you had all eternity? Eleven-year-old Winnie Foster yearns for a life of adventure beyond her white picket fence, but not until she becomes unexpectedly entwined with the Tuck Family does she get more than she could have imagined. When Winnie learns of the magic behind the Tucks unending youth, she must fight to protect their secret from those who would do anything for a chance at eternal life. As her adventure unfolds, Winnie faces an extraordinary choice: return to her life or continue with the Tucks on their infinite journey.

Admission: \$15 (reserved seating)

You will be able to order tickets online at GoFan beginning September 15.

Questions: Contact Joann Langley
847-718-4882 or joann.langley@d214.org



COLLEGE, CAREER, LIFE READY

John Hersey High School

POSTSECONDARY NEWS



John Hersey High School

August 2023

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! We hope you and your family had a safe and healthy summer. We're excited to begin another year helping students plan for their life after Hersey! In fact, we already started! On August 2nd and 3rd we held our annual College Boot Camp for incoming seniors. Over 90 seniors attended one or both sessions (new records!) and picked up some great information! In addition, college admission professionals, with a combined 125+ years of experience in the field, reviewed college essay drafts for 59 students in just about 2 hours. See pictures below!

Our office shares

a ton of information via email (so please check regularly – this included students and parents), our website, and on our @LifeAfterHersey social media pages. Make sure to like/follow to stay current on everything that's happening related to life after Hersey! Mr. Chihakulas is available to meet with students and their parents during school hours. Just send him an email or give him a call to set up a time! Looking forward to a great year, Huskies!

Upcoming Events!




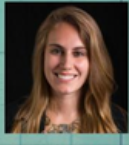
- Senior Parent College Info Night: Monday, August 28th at 7pm in the JHHS Theatre
- 2nd Annual L.A.H.-lapalooza!: August 28th-September 1st (Seniors)
- College Essay-palooza College Rep Kick-Off Panel: Tuesday, Sept. 12th at 7:30am in the JHHS Theatre (Seniors)
- Click [HERE](#) for a tentative schedule for all grade-levels for the year. Check back often for updates!

2nd Annual L.A.H.-lapalooza! Class of 2024 August 28 - September 1, 2023 A Life After Hersey SENIOR Event!				
Monday, 8/28	Tuesday, 8/29	Wednesday, 8/30	Thursday, 8/31	Friday, 9/1
Senior Core Presentations in English Class	Senior Core Presentations in English Class	"Major" Decision: Finding Your Career Path 2nd period Room 136	Apprenticeship, Certificate, & Skilled Trades Career Opportunities 8th period Room 136	Common App Workshop 7:45-8:15am & *All Lunch Blocks Room 136
Senior Parent College Night 7:00pm JHHS Theatre	Common App Workshop 3:05-3:35pm Room 136	D214 Spring Internship Onsite Applications *All Lunch Blocks Room 136	Harper College Onsite Applications *All Lunch Blocks Room 136	

*Please plan to attend during your assigned lunch block. Attendance will be taken! See Mr. Chihakulas with questions!

GET THE INSIDE SCOOP ON WHAT COLLEGES LOOK FOR WHEN REVIEWING YOUR COLLEGE ESSAY!

Class of 2024 College Essay-palooza! College Rep Panel Kick-off
Tuesday, September 12th 7:30-8:15am - JHHS Theatre
1st College Essay-palooza! session starts Sept. 26th!



On August 2nd and 3rd we held our annual College Boot Camp for incoming seniors. Huge thanks to our college admissions guests for helping us out!

LEFT TOP: April (Syracuse) and Scott (Oklahoma) lead seniors in a Mock Admissions activity on Day 1 of College Boot Camp.

LEFT MIDDLE: Admission reps from 7 colleges offer years of advice and experience on the college essay – and the application process in general!

LEFT BOTTOM: College admission reps reviewed drafts of students' college essays.

Bookmark these sites!

- [JHHS College & Career Center](#)
- [JHHS Job & Volunteer Board](#)
- [JHHS College Application Guide \(Seniors\)](#)
- [JHHS Postsecondary Planning Guide](#)

Christopher Chihakulas
Postsecondary Counselor
christopher.chihakulas@d214.org
847-718-4846

Shannon Anne
College & Career Assistant (9:30am-1:30pm)
shannon.anne@d214.org
847-718-4862

Follow us @LifeAfterHersey on social media & Mr. C's YouTube Channel!

YEARBOOK INFORMATION

John Hersey High School students produce an amazing 300 full color page book celebrating the Huskies.

The 2024 yearbook can be purchased for \$50
through Infinite Campus or during school registration.

If you have multiple students attending Hersey and you would like to check who has a yearbook ordered at registration, go to your individual students' Infinite Campus page, then go to the FEES tab and look for a dropdown menu TYPE of fee. Select PAID and if the yearbook is listed, then you purchased a yearbook for that student.

If the yearbook is not listed in FEES, then select OPTIONAL PAYMENT.

A new screen will open with the yearbook listed, select ADD TO CART.

Once added, click on MY CART and a new screen appears.

Click to add a payment method and SUBMIT payment.

We will NOT be using Jostens.com for purchases this year.

VIP Portrait Information

In-school portrait sessions for everyone are September 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th during PE classes/open time with a last chance or make-up session on October 6th for all grade levels. Seniors are encouraged to dress nicer for the Senior Portrait section.

Senior Portrait Information

VIP Portraits in Wheeling and Vernon Hills is the official portrait photographers for John Hersey High School. Portraits taken at other studios will not be included in Hersey's yearbook.

Cap and gown portraits are ONLY taken in-studio at the Wheeling or Vernon Hills locations. The Wheeling location will be permanently closing in August, so in-studio sessions will take place in Vernon Hills once the Wheeling location closes.

Appointments can be made at www.vipis.com/services/illinois-senior-portraits

Click on VIEW & ORDER PHOTOS, search for John Hersey High School, then Click on SENIOR PORTRAITS to schedule to secure an appointment for in-studio sessions starting at \$40 and an additional \$10 for a Cap and Gown portrait (black cap, gown and orange tassel provided).

[Click here for more information from VIP Portraits](#)

~~In school portrait sessions for seniors are September 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th with a last chance session on October 6th. Cap and gown portraits are **NOT** available in school.~~

If you are not on the list of Hersey students eligible to schedule an appointment with VIP, email rich.lane@d214.org with the name of your Hersey student along with their ID number. I will forward the email to my contacts at VIP. You can reach VIP Customer service at 847-499-9300 or support@vipis.com. Plus VIP also has live chat available in their personal portal page.

We First Make Our Habits, Then Our Habits Make Us.

Family Newsletter, Issue 1 | August 2023

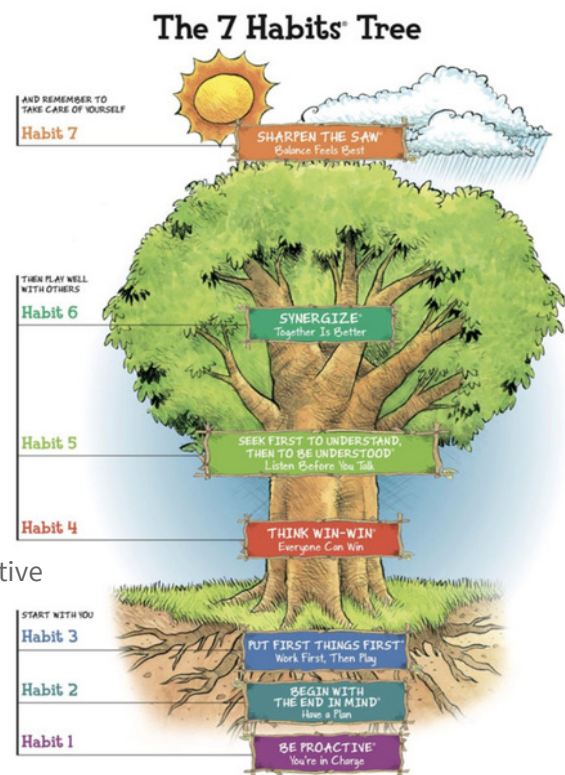


Welcome to a new school year, families!

The staff at John Hersey High School believes in developing the whole person of every student that walks through our doors each day. We know that the most successful children are those who are taken care of socially, emotionally and academically. It's for that reason why we have recently started using the 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens to deliver crucial curriculum to your children. As our superintendent, Dr. Rowe stated in his welcome letter, "If we want students to leave our schools as confident, independent and productive citizens – and, of course, we do – then their voice and choices must be woven into the fabric of their high school years. We cannot expect our graduates to suddenly become adept at thinking independently and contributing in the workplace and community if we don't provide these opportunities while they are in high school. So we will."

What are the 7 Habits?

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens was written by Sean Covey and was based off of his fathers book, The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. This book provides teens with a set of tools to help them navigate real life situations. Students will evaluate who they want to be in life, find paths to achieve their goals, and gain a sense of self-worth. This month, your child will be introduced to the habits as well as cover Habit 1, "**Be Proactive**", in their PE classes. Being proactive means taking responsibility for your life and making decisions based on your values and principles. Ask your student about what they are learning regarding these habits. This can generate great discussion between you and your teen as they navigate this challenging, yet exciting time of life!



District 214 Assessments

District 214 administers assessments to its students to provide them, their parents, and high school staff with performance information. The information is used for:

- Placement in appropriate courses
- Identifying the need for additional instruction
- Monitoring student growth
- Determining the extent to which students are meeting district and state standards
- Obtaining data to enrich the curriculum and instruction
- Providing information for making post-secondary educational and vocational decisions

District 214 is committed to:

- Providing frequent, purposeful, appropriate, and fair assessments accompanied by timely feedback.
- Helping students and parents make good use of assessment data in the decision making processes.
- Training staff to understand and effectively utilize assessment data.

District 214 coordinates district-wide assessment programs for high school students:

- State of Illinois Assessment Program that complies with the requirements of the State Board of Education.
- College-Bound Assessments aid students in making decisions with regards to their college plans. These are assessments such as the National ACT and SAT where students register for the test online.

This brochure describes the assessments, student population, date and place for each assessment. Current fees shown for optional tests are subject to change.

TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS

If your student requires accommodations for testing under an IEP or 504 plan and will register for one of the optional assessments, please contact the counselor or case manager in your school at the beginning of the school year to learn how to apply for accommodations for the specific tests.

State of Illinois Assessment Program

Digital PSAT 8/9 and Digital PSAT 10 and Digital SAT are assessments in the College Board's SAT Suite of Assessments. The PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10 are guidance resources that help students measure their current academic development, explore AP course options, and assess readiness for college and career options. The new digital tests will be adaptive, so they can continue to measure the same core Reading, writing and math knowledge skills much more efficiently. The PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10 will help prepare students for the SAT assessment taken during their junior year and are state required assessments. More information about the Digital Exams can be found on College Board's website:

https://sat.suite.collegeboard.org

/digital **DIGITAL PSAT 8/9**

Student Population: 9th and 10th grade students

Date: March 19, 2024

Locations: BGHS, EGHS, JHHS, PHS, RMHS, WHS and Specialized Schools

DIGITAL PSAT 10

Student Population: 10th grade students

Date: April 11, 2024

Locations: BGHS, EGHS, JHHS, PHS, RMHS, WHS and Specialized Schools

DIGITAL SAT STATE TESTING

A state-funded Digital SAT with Essay assessment will be administered to all high school juniors and is a graduation requirement. See the College-Bound Assessments section, for more information about the SAT.

Student Population: 11th grade students

Date: April 11, 2024

Locations: BGHS, EGHS, JHHS, PHS, RMHS, WHS and Specialized Schools

ISA - ILLINOIS SCIENCE ASSESSMENT

The ISA (Illinois Science Assessment) is a state required science assessment that will be administered to all high school juniors. The assessment is aligned to the Illinois Learning Standards for Science incorporating the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). More information can be found at <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-Science-Assessment.aspx>

Student Population: 11th grade students

Dates: March 19, 2024

Locations: BGHS, EGHS, JHHS, PHS, RMHS, WHS and Specialized Schools

ACCESS FOR ELLs

ACCESS for ELLs (Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners)

is a standard-based English Language Proficiency Test that tests students in the four language domains: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing.

Student Population:

All Students in the English Learner (EL) Program

Dates:

January/February 2024

Locations:

BGHS, EGHS, JHHS, PHS, RMHS, WHS and Specialized Schools

SEAL OF BILITERACY

Seal of Biliteracy (The Illinois State Board of Education's Seal of Biliteracy Program)

will place an official seal

on diplomas and official recognition will be placed on transcripts of students who qualify in both English and another language. District 214 offers the AAPPL and Avant Stamp Language Assessments to help students qualify for the Seal of Biliteracy. The AAPPL is available in Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese and Spanish. The Avant Stamp 4S is available in Hebrew, Hindi, Polish and Russian. More information can be found at <https://www.d214.org/assessments>. Registration will be available on the announcement section of the high school website in mid-August.

Student Population: 9th through 12th grade students

Fee: \$25

Dates: September 2023

Location: To be determined

College-Bound Assessments (optional)

AC

The ACT is a college readiness exam. The test measures a student's general educational achievement and ability to complete college level work. The multiple-choice tests covers English, math, reading and science. An optional writing test measures skills in planning and writing a short essay. Test questions are directly related to what students study in their high school courses. Although optional, the ACT or the SAT is required for admission by many post-secondary institutions. For more information and to view all ACT test dates and to register, visit <https://act.org/student>.

Grade: Predominantly college-bound 11th and 12th grade students

Fee: Approximately \$66 (ACT + writing test \$91).

District 214 has applied to offer the following test dates, but are not finalized. ACT determines the locations of the tests. All test dates are Saturdays.

ACT Dates*	Registration Deadline	Locations
September 9, 2023	August 4, 2023	EGHS, WHS
December 9, 2023	November 3, 2023	BGHS
February 10, 2024	January 5, 2024	EGHS

* Note: The ACT will be open for both standard and accommodation testing only on the dates listed at each school.

AP - ADVANCED PLACEMENT

AP (Advanced Placement) is a program that allows students who have pursued college-level AP courses while in high school. Certain score levels on tests may allow students to receive advanced placement and/or credit upon entering college. Registration/payment for AP Exams are now required in the fall through the high school Assessment Center. For more information visit: <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/>

Student Population: AP courses (optional)

Fee: Approximately \$97 for each test

Date: Monday, May 6, through Friday, May 17, 2024

Location: BGHS, EGHS, JHHS, PHS, RMHS and WHS

PSAT/NMSQT

The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test).

Digital PSAT/NMSQT will be adaptive, so it can continue to measure the same core Reading, writing and math knowledge skills much more efficiently. measures the reading, writing and language, and math skills needed for college and career.

Scores from the PSAT/NMSQT may qualify 11th grade students to be National Merit Scholars and enables students who score at the highest levels to qualify for college scholarships. It allows students to compare their academic skills with those of other college-bound students. The PSAT/NMSQT is administered during the school day, and is an optional exam offered to 11th grade students only. Registration/payment will be available in the fall through the high school Assessment Center. For more information visit: <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt>.

If your student requires accommodations for testing under an IEP or 504 plan and will register for PSAT/NMSQT, contact the counselor or case manager in your school as soon as possible. The deadline to apply to College Board for accommodations is in August.

Student Population: College-bound 11th grade students to qualify for National Merit Scholars or other college scholarships.

Fee: approximately \$30

Date: October 2023

Location: BGHS, EGHS, JHHS, PHS, RMHS and WHS

SA

The SAT measures the knowledge and skills that research shows are essential for college and career readiness and success. The assessment is composed of Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, and Math. Although optional, the SAT or the ACT is required for admission by many post-secondary institutions. For more information, to view all SAT dates and to register, visit <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat>. The Saturday SAT exams in the fall/winter will be paper exams and the SAT exams in Spring will be digital exams, as noted below.

Student Population: Predominantly college-bound 11th and 12th grade students.

Fee: approximately \$60

District 214 has applied to offer the following test dates, but are not finalized. College Board determines the locations of the tests. All test dates are Saturdays.

SAT Dates*	Registration Deadline	Locations
August 26, 2023	July 28, 2023	BGHS, PHS
October 7, 2023	September 7, 2023	JHHS
December 2, 2023	November 2, 2023	RMHS
March 9, 2024 (Digital)	February 23, 2024	RMHS, WHS

* Note: The SAT will be open for both standard and accommodation testing only on the dates listed at each school.

D214 Assessment Calendar 2023-2024

AUGUST 2023

Saturday, August, 26 SAT

SEPTEMBER 2023

Saturday, September 9 ACT

September TBD Seal of Biliteracy

OCTOBER 2023

Saturday, October 7 SAT

October PSAT/NMSQT

NOVEMBER 2023

TBD Seal of Biliteracy

DECEMBER 2023

Saturday, December 2 SAT

Saturday, December 9 ACT

JANUARY 2024

January/February ACCESS for ELLs

FEBRUARY 2024

Saturday, February 10 ACT

MARCH 2024

Saturday, March 9 Digital SAT

Tuesday, March 19 PSAT 8/9

Tuesday, March 19 IL Science Assessment

APRIL 2024

Thursday, April 11 State SAT with Essay

Thursday, April 11 PSAT 10

MAY 2024

May 6 - May 17 AP Exams

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Assessment Information Websites

AP

(Advanced Placement)

<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org>

DIGITAL PSAT/NMSQT

(Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt>

COLLEGE BOARD SAT SUITE OF ASSESSMENTS

(Digital PSAT 8/9 and Digital PSAT 10 and Digital SAT)

<https://sat-suite.collegeboard.org/digital>

ISA

(Illinois Science Assessment)

<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-Science-Assessment.aspx>

SAT

<https://sat-suite.collegeboard.org/sat>

SEAL OF BILITERACY

(The Illinois State Board of Education's Seal of Biliteracy Program)

<https://www.d214.org/assessments>



Empowering Parents:

This event
is open to all
current D214 and
D214 feeder
middle school
families

What You Need to Know

Hear from Division Heads for Student Success, Safety, and Wellness (Deans), School Resource Officers (SROs), and Community Partners on what parents need to know today regarding substance use, social media, and mental health.

Presentation is offered two times:

Thursday, August 24th (English only)

Wednesday, September 6th (English and Spanish)

5:00 - 5:30 p.m. | D214 and Community Resources Meet and Greet (prior to presentation)

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. | Presentation

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. | Time for questions

Forest View Educational Center Theater (Enter Door 34)
2121 South Goebbert Road

Arlington Heights, IL 60005



Capacitando a los Padres:

Este evento
está abierto
a todas las familias
de las escuelas
secundarias D214
y D214.

Lo que Usted Debe Saber

Escuche a los Jefes de División para el Éxito, la Seguridad y el Bienestar de los Estudiantes (Decanos), a los Oficiales de Recursos Escolares (SRO) y a los Socios Comunitarios sobre lo que los padres necesitan saber hoy en día con respecto al uso de sustancias, las redes sociales y la salud mental.

La presentación se ofrece en dos ocasiones:

Jueves 24 de agosto (sólo en inglés)

Miércoles, 6 de septiembre (inglés y español)

5:00 - 5:30 p.m. | D214 y Recursos Comunitarios Conocer y Saludar (antes de la presentación)

Presentación.

Tiempo para preguntas

Teatro del Centro Educativo Forest View (Ingreso por la puerta 34)
2121 South Goebbert Road

Arlington Heights, IL 60005

A message from the Board of Education

Greetings Parents, Guardians and Community Members:

I hope that you and your families have enjoyed the summer as Mother Nature provided many opportunities to relax and refresh for an exciting year ahead. This year marks our first under the leadership of new superintendent Dr. Scott Rowe, who is introduced elsewhere in this newsletter. As we eagerly prepare for the 2023-24 school year, we would like to offer a glimpse into the many learning opportunities for District 214 students and the entire community.



Board of Education members look forward to each new school year as much as our awesome students, families, and educators do. As board members, we enjoy visiting our schools to meet students, see innovative learning experiences, as well as attend special events. I never tire of chatting with our students and witnessing their enthusiasm as they discover their pathways to success and learn skills that will serve them so well even years after graduation. Please note, parents and guardians, the information in this newsletter about the internships and apprenticeship programs that do so much to bolster this process of discovery for your students.

As a reminder, District 214's learning opportunities extend well beyond our high schools. District 214 [Community Education](#) offers a menu of in-person and online classes so deep and varied that there's almost certain to be something for everyone. In addition, Community Education and Adult Education offer enrichment opportunities for all ages and all interests and life-changing assistance for newcomers seeking citizenship.

Finally, please keep in mind the important work being done by the [D214 Education Foundation](#), which this past spring alone issued more than \$100,000 in scholarships to 80 graduating seniors. The Foundation is using an updated strategic vision to expand its work of supporting students, strengthening their education, fostering their well-being, and expanding their opportunities. Additional information about the D214 Education Foundation should contact Brooke Snell at brooke.snell@d214.org. Also, please take a moment to check the Foundation's reimagined [Tee Up for 214](#), which is being held on September 21, Topgolf, Schaumburg.

Thank you for all you do to support our students and the District. We look forward to a full and successful 2023-24 school year.

Sincerely,

Alva J Kreutzer, President
214 Board of Education

ICYMI: D214 welcomes new superintendent

Dr. Scott Rowe started his tenure as District 214's new superintendent on July 1.

Dr. Rowe previously was the superintendent of Huntley Community School District 158; under his leadership, District 158 developed a national reputation as a leader in transforming public education to best meet the needs of today's learners. Rowe previously served as principal at Huntley High School, for five years, where he oversaw the growth of the school's pioneering Blended Learning Program from a small pilot into an integral part of life at HHS.



He also helped oversee one of Illinois' largest 1:1 learning initiatives, as well as the establishment of Huntley's Medical, Engineering, Fine Arts and Global Academies, offering students specialized coursework and community-based learning opportunities in line with their career interests.

Dr. Rowe, who began his career as a social studies teacher, served for seven years as a middle school and high school principal within District 158 prior to becoming superintendent. He holds a bachelor's degree from Missouri State University and master's and doctoral degrees in educational leadership from Aurora University.

Teaching & Learning

Internships, apprenticeships offer a head start

Does your student have a specific career in mind? Do they want to find out more about an occupation before making college decisions? Or do they want to get a head start on their professional life? An internship or apprenticeship through District 214's Center for Career Discovery can provide an up-close look at a potential career.



[District 214 Internships](#) allow students to explore possible workplaces and jobs, gaining real-world experience in a career area of interest. Internships are either 30 or 60 hours over the course of the semester, earn credit, and provide students valuable opportunities to explore careers with guidance and feedback from professionals in the field. Internships are available in a wide variety of careers and areas of interest—from real estate to engineering, marketing to healthcare.



[District 214's Youth Apprenticeship Program](#) offers students an opportunity to earn and learn while still in high school. Being an apprentice helps jump start a career: Apprentices have paid jobs with local employers, and also take college courses that often lead to industry recognized credentials and certifications. Students gain real-life insights about the workplace, on-the-job training, invaluable resumé experience, and professional mentoring. Recruitment for this program will begin in November of 2023 for rising seniors. Apprenticeships are full-year experiences, running from June through the following May. Currently, District 214 offers apprenticeships across 14 career sectors:

Athletic Training Assistant Automotive Technician
Certified Nursing Assistant Construction and Trades
Cybersecurity Graphic Arts
HVAC IT Generalist
Legal Assistant Manufacturing
Multimedia Pharmacy Technician
Professional Cook Veterinary Technician Assistant



Community partnerships are the key to our success!

Community partnerships are the key to the success of these programs. Authentic work-based learning experiences have been shown to increase student engagement in school activities, elevate self-efficacy and boost college and career outcomes. If you or your employer are interested in hosting a career experience for District 214 students, contact Kathy Wicks at kathy.wicks@d214.org. Or fill out this [form](#), and we'll contact you.

Interested students can learn more about internships and apprenticeships and how to apply by speaking with their counselor or their building's student success coach.

Attend today, achieve tomorrow: why attendance matters

The beginning of a new school year is the perfect time to remind your student of why consistent class attendance is so very important. The statistics are real and compelling:

- Students have a 99% chance of passing a class if they miss the class fewer than 5 times.

- 3 out of every 4 students who attend school 95% percent of the time have grades that reflect that commitment: a 3.0 or better unweighted GPA during that school year.

- Students who come to school 90% of the time during their high school careers have a graduation rate of 98%.

The statistics go on and on, but the numbers all add up to one bottom line: It's essential to show up and to show up every day. Please help us let us your students know that they belong here and that we need them here. We look forward to seeing and working with them to discover their futures each and every day of the 2023-24 school year.

District 214 Education Foundation

Tee Up for 214: Join us for an exciting twist



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 | 6-9 p.m.



Topgolf Schaumburg
2050 Progress Parkway
Schaumburg, IL 60173

This is a family friendly event. All ages are welcome!

Scan the QR code below to register or sponsor today at:
district214educationfoundation.salsalabs.org/teeup214

The District 214 Education Foundation is bringing a tee-rific twist to our annual golf event!

Tee Up for 214 will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2023, from 6-9 p.m. at Topgolf Schaumburg. The event will feature a lively evening of golf, contests and a robust raffle, in addition to a hearty appetizer buffet and cash bar.

Our Foundation has worked for years to expand equity and open doors for students—and we're not finished yet! Your support for this event—as a player, spectator, sponsor or donor—will help the Foundation in its mission: to support students and their families through school and throughout life by strengthening their education, fostering their well-being, and expanding their opportunities.



Tee Up for 214 is an evening of fun and community spirit in support of the District 214 Education Foundation. This year we've added a twist: We'll be gathering at Topgolf in Schaumburg. Join us on Thursday, September 21, from 6-9 p.m. for a lively night of golf, plus an exciting raffle, ongoing contests, prizes and more. Event sponsorships also are available at various levels, allowing local businesses or families to support our community in a prominent and meaningful way.

Proceeds from Tee Up for 214 are used to provide opportunities for students' future success, fuel innovative programs in the classroom, and support lifelong learning across the District. Our students are capable of limitless success, and your support demonstrates that you recognize their incalculable potential. In this season of growth and opportunity, we rely on your generosity to ensure we can continuously address the serious needs we see every day.

For more information, or to register or sponsor, visit 214foundation.org/teeup214.

Class of 2023 recognized with more than \$100,000 in scholarships

The District 214 Education Foundation in the spring distributed more than \$100,000 in postsecondary scholarships to more than 80 graduating members of our district's Class of 2023.

Among the highlights were the Redefining Ready! Awards, which required applicants to create 30-second videos showing why they are college, career and life ready beyond a test score. Students did so in various ways, including songs and video animation showing off their activities, achievements outside the classroom, early college credit opportunities and more.



In addition, this year the Foundation launched six new scholarships. The new offerings support students and their wide-ranging passions: math and science, the arts, softball at Prospect High School. One new scholarship is awarded to a student who intends to pursue a major in education, while another recognizes a student who has demonstrated leadership and a spirit of caring for others through community service efforts.

Scholarship applications for the upcoming school year will open in mid-January. Students once again will be able to apply for most of them through a one-stop online portal that, based on their answers to screening questions, provides them a list of the scholarships for which they're qualified, and then allows them to apply directly online.

The District 214 Foundation provides a variety of opportunities for funding the future. Donors can make one-time or recurring gifts using the website www.214foundation.org, or consider sponsoring families through the 214Cares program -- which focuses on basic needs for the District's highest-need families. Unrestricted gifts of all amounts help us support students and their families through school and throughout life by strengthening their education, fostering their well-being and expanding their opportunities.

Additionally, the Foundation provides opportunities for naming spaces, including classrooms, in honor of family members or businesses. Our Legacy Society is for individuals wishing to make donations through wills and bequests. Scholarships or funds which provide money for specific causes or students, also are a common way to provide life-changing help.

To discuss the right opportunity for your situation, contact Michael Happ at michael.happ@d214.org.

Community Education programs support lifelong learning

District 214 welcomes community members of all ages to explore the wide variety of Community Education offerings this fall. From travel and performing arts to fitness and personal finance courses, our programs offer something for everyone. Relax at a Tai Chi class. Learn how to make two delicious fall casseroles. Pick up some tips about using social media. Play guitar or master the art of floral arranging. Or come play pickleball with the rest of the world!

Registration also is now open for our Adult Education and Family Literacy classes, which include free courses and one-on-one tutoring in the following areas:

- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Illinois High School Equivalency Test Preparation Courses (offered in both English and Spanish)
- U.S. Citizenship Preparation
- Basic Reading and Math
- 1-on-1 Reading Tutoring for Beginning Adult Readers
- Manufacturing and Health Career Pathways

It's never too late to continue learning. At District 214, we are passionate about helping adults in our community reach their full potential, whether that is becoming a U.S. citizen, perfecting English to boost career opportunities, or discovering a new leisure-time hobby. Our Community Education program has been providing those opportunities for more than 75 years. Please do not hesitate to reach out; we are here to help.

Please visit ce.d214.org to review our Fall Program Guide, to find additional and updated program information, and to register for classes.

We hope to ~~see you at~~ Community Education events and classes this fall!

Section 17-1.2 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/17-1.2) requires school districts to post the current budget, itemized by receipts and expenditures, on their website and to notify parents/guardians that the budget has been posted and the website address.

The 2023-2024 District Budget can be found [here](#)