



Quarter 1, 2017

# Hollywood Hills High School

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*"Advancing a College & Career Culture"*

## Principal's Message

It is with tremendous pride that I welcome everyone back to the 2017-18 School Year. It is important for students, regardless of the grade level, to begin to visualize their post secondary goals and work toward achieving these goals. Whether focusing on improving their scores on college readiness assessments such as the PERT, PSAT, SAT, or ACT; increasing their grade point averages (GPA); or taking advantage of Advanced Placement (AP) courses, Dual Enrollment and/or Early College Admission classes; it is crucial to start visualizing their future. To help our students accomplish their goals, we will be promoting a "College and Career... Yes, We Can!" motto this school year and have a plethora of activities planned for our students starting with our first month of school.

Helping your child focus on graduation requirements and being prepared for the increasing rigor and demands of achieving a High School Diploma is also extremely important. You may want to establish routines for checking Pinnacle and and Virtual Counselor to keep track of your child's grades and credits, familiarize yourself with the free resources offered by Broward County Schools to provide students with the skills needed to increase results on the college entrance exams such as PSAT Practice Tests, Khan Academy, and Vocabulary.com. We ask that you visit our website at [www.Hollywoodhillshigh.us](http://www.Hollywoodhillshigh.us) to obtain more information about these programs and the many other programs and activities available at Hills for students.

Our entire staff is very excited about our new year and look forward to working closely with you to make your child's high school years a great success. If you have an incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade student or are new to Hills, we invite you to attend our New-to-Hills Orientation Program on Thursday, August 19, 2017, at 6:30 pm. We also look forward to seeing all of you at our Literacy Information Session, Advance Placement Program, and Open House Event on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, starting at 6:00 pm.

Students return to school on Monday, August 21, and will once again be on a "4x4" block schedule having their first through 4<sup>th</sup> periods on the first day and their fifth through seventh periods on the second day. As always, if you have any questions or need additional information, do not hesitate to contact us at 754-323-1050. HHHS is committed to working alongside our Spartan families to provide a quality education in a caring atmosphere.

Thank you for your continued support,

*Lourdes M. Gonzalez*

Lourdes M. Gonzalez, Principal

## Important Forms

There are a number of important forms that need to be completed at the start of the school year. This information is key for ensuring your child is safe while on campus, and that families are informed about all rules and expectations for the school year. Key forms that will be sent home with students on the first day of school and need to be completed include:

- Emergency Contact and Release Forms
- Broward School Board Code of Conduct
- Photo Release (required for the yearbook)
- Free/Reduced Lunch (also available online)
- Updated Contact Information
- Medical Notifications and Medications

## Posting Students' Schedules

Maintaining confidentiality of your child's school information is important to us. In certain occasions such as on the first day of school or on Assessment Days, we post the students' names and the designated room number on various locations throughout the campus to make it easier for your student to locate their assigned classrooms. If you do not want your child's name and room number to appear on these lists please notify Dr. Maureen Lue at [maureen.lue@browardschools.com](mailto:maureen.lue@browardschools.com) prior to August 21, 2017.

## Transportation Update

The 2017 Transportation Open House will be held Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. and Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. This is an opportunity for parents to ask questions about their child's transportation prior to the first day of school. Parents may contact Lisa McBride at 754-321-4100. The South Terminal Open House is located at 900 S University Drive, in Pembroke Pines.

## Parking on Campus

For safety and security purposes, any student driving a vehicle on campus must complete a parking decal application with a copy of their valid driver's license, insurance card, and registration. The cost of the decal is \$50. Please access application forms from our website or see Ms. Beth Winterholler in Student Affairs.

## HHH PTSO – Join Today!

The Hollywood Hills High School PTSO cordially invites all Spartan families to become members of the PTSO! Your \$10.00 annual membership will help support HHS and directly benefit students and staff. The goal of the PTSO is to improve student achievement while positively impacting school culture. Membership application forms are available at the school administrative office or on the web at [hollywoodhillshigh.us](http://hollywoodhillshigh.us). Some of our upcoming projects include: Funding Teacher Request Grants, Beautification of School Grounds, Fence Banner Fundraisers, and Family Nights and Events. Our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting has been scheduled for Open House Day on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Make plans to attend! PTSO meetings take place the first Monday of each month at 6:30 P.M. in the Spartan Café. New members are always welcome!

### *Get Involved to Succeed!*

Being engaged at school is key to student success. One way to increase academic engagement is to become involved with extra-curricular activities. HHS offers a variety of sports and clubs to meet the interests of our diverse student population. Students should get involved with a sport or club to help enhance not only their high school experience, but college resume as well.

**Sports offered** include: Cross-Country, Football, Swimming, Cheerleading, Lacrosse, Basketball, Soccer, Wrestling, Baseball, Softball, Track, Flag Football, and Volleyball. **Clubs** include: Medical Society, Florida Future Educators (FFEA), National Honors Society (NHS), Band/ Color Guard, Robotics, Spoken Word, Journalism, Get Loud Crowd, JROTC- Raiders, Drill Team, Marksmanship, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), Latinos in Action, Spanish Honors Society, Student Government Association (SGA), Drama, Debate, Spartan TV Production, and Spartan Literacy Society.

### *Solar Eclipse Safety*

A Solar Eclipse will take place on Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. This will truly be a unique sight to see, however NASA recommends that safety precautions be taken when observing the eclipse. It is not safe to look at a partial or annular eclipse or the partial phases of a total solar eclipse without the proper equipment and techniques. The concern over improper viewing of the Sun during an eclipse is for the development of “eclipse blindness” or retinal burns which could have important adverse effects on a student’s eyesight. NASA states that the only safe time to view the Sun

with the naked eye is during a Total Eclipse—when the moon completely covers the sun—which will not be experienced by South Florida. Please take precaution if you plan on observing the Solar Eclipse.

### *Pinnacle and Virtual Counselor*

Parents and students have access to all of the tools necessary to track and plan for high school graduation and post secondary education. Pinnacle and Virtual Counselor are two extremely important resources to keep students on track and parents informed. Pinnacle provides students access to their class schedule, teacher email addresses, grades and attendance records. Parents can set notifications that will send messages to their email addresses or through texts to their telephones when their students are absent from class or fall below passing grades in their classes. Virtual Counselor helps parents and students track progress for standardized tests, provides up-to-date information on the status of graduation requirements, and allows parents and students to review academic history over time. Take time to review these resources at the beginning of the school year and use them to establish academic goals for each school year.

### *Free & Reduced Lunch*

Breakfast and lunch are critical meals for students. Many families across Broward County qualify for free or reduced meals and simply need to complete a short application. Visit [myschoolapps.com](http://myschoolapps.com) to apply for free and reduced meal plans for the 2017-2018 school year. Applications are available in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole and Portuguese. For additional information or if you have additional questions, contact the Food and Nutrition Services Department at 754-321-0250, or by email at [freeandreducedmeals@browardschools.com](mailto:freeandreducedmeals@browardschools.com).

### *Advanced Placement, Industry Certification, & Dual Enrollment:*

Providing students with a variety of options to meet their future goals is critical. By participating in Advanced Placement courses, completing an industry certification, or taking part in dual enrollment courses, students can transform their high school experience to better prepare for the future.

A variety of **Advanced Placement (AP)** courses are available at HHHS. These courses enable students to earn college credit, increase their GPA, and experience courses at the collegiate level. AP courses are available for Science, Mathematics, English, History, Foreign Language and Computer Science. We also have the AP Capstone program at our school.

**Industry Certifications** provide students with opportunities to enter the workforce after leaving high school. Students can choose from Web Design, Culinary, Quickbooks, Certified Internet Web Professional (CIW), Creative Cloud, Microsoft Bundle, and Coding.

**Dual Enrollment** allows students to attend classes at Broward College or Sheridan Technical College to advance their academic or vocational options beyond the traditional school experience. There are also online college options.

## ***SAT/PSAT Resources***

Hollywood Hills High School was the #1 High School in the district for participating in **Vocabulary.com**. Vocabulary.com is an excellent free online resource that allows students to practice and enhance their vocabulary skills. Most of the words assigned are words previously seen on the PSAT and SAT.

Students should also be using **Khan Academy**, another PSAT/SAT resource that is free to Broward County Public School students. This SAT preparation program provides tutorials that teach students why an answer was wrong or right and helps them analyze the possible answers to find the best choice.

Just like last year, all 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the **PSAT on October 11<sup>th</sup>**. We anticipate a school-wide SAT Day in March for all 11<sup>th</sup> grade students. All 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders should have been linked last year and have a log in to Khan Academy. Students should be using this online resources as much as possible to increase their SAT and PSAT scores, which will in turn help them with their post secondary goals. Please help your child by monitoring their energy points on Khan Academy in an effort to raise their PSAT and SAT scores. CollegeBoard reports that if a child spends 20 hours

of Khan practice they can increase their SAT score by approximately 115 points.

## ***Sports Requirements:***

The following requirements must be completed before any student can take part in sporting events. This includes participation in all practices and games.

Contact Athletic Director Kevin Perry with any questions at [kevin.perry@browardschools.com](mailto:kevin.perry@browardschools.com).

- Pre-participation physical- MUST be a sports-related physical (Form EL2)- Yearly
- Consent and Release from liability certificate (Form EL3)- Yearly
- Memorial Health Care System parental consent for treatment- Yearly
- Memorandum of Understanding to play sports for Hollywood Hills High School- Yearly
- Grade Point Average of 2.0 or above (Annually 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)
- Affidavit of Compliance with the polices on athletic recruiting and non-traditional student participation (Only for students from HHHS that did NOT start with HHHS for their 9<sup>th</sup> grade year)
- Proof of medical insurance with student's name on the insurance card. Insurance can be purchased yearly for school sports at [www.schoolinsuranceofflorida.com](http://www.schoolinsuranceofflorida.com)
- Birth Certificate (For 1<sup>st</sup> time athletes at HHHS)

## ***Schedule Changes***

Students should be able to view their 2017-18 course schedule on Virtual Counselor starting on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. If core academic changes need to be made, students may come to Guidance on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. Students will be able to complete a schedule change form during these designated times.

## ***Safety and Security***

The safety and security of our students, staff and parents is our top priority. With this in mind, we need everyone's support--if you see something, say something! Everyone is encouraged to report suspicious or dangerous behavior, as well as any threats to our school. Reports can be made to any staff member on campus, however, preferably should be reported to one

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of the school's administrators or security staff members. Reports can also be made anonymously to the Broward County tip line at 754-321-0911, or by email at:

<http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/siu/siunew/tipsemail.asp>

As a part of our safety procedures for the 2017-2018 school year, we will be conducting monthly emergency and evacuation drills, in coordination with local police and fire rescue to better prepare in the event of a true emergency.

In addition, our entrance times and procedures for arrival and dismissal will remain the same. Parents will be able to drop off students on the east side of the campus, off Sarazen Dr., from 7:00 A.M. until 7:30 A.M. Parents will be able to pick students up from this location at 2:40 P.M. During the hours between 7:30 A.M. and 2:40 P.M., the single point of entry to the campus will be on the west side, across from Stirling Elementary School. Please remember that all visitors and tardy students must report to and check in with the main office. In order to pick students up from school the individual must be an adult over 18 years of age with proof of identification, and be recorded on the approved pick-up form on file with the school. Early dismissal for students is not allowed during the last 30-minutes of the day, and supervision is only provided 30-minutes before and after the start and end of school hours. Hollywood Hills High School thanks you for helping keep our school community safe!

## ***College and Career Power Days***

To advance a college and career ready culture and prepare our students for post secondary education, this year Hills will be offering a variety of College and Career Readiness programs and activities during our Early Release Days and Professional Study Days.

Among the activities being planned, we have SAT and ACT practice sessions, Career Pathways Assemblies, Financial Aid and Scholarship Application Process Sessions, and College Fairs. Every day attendance is important, and these Early Release Days are no exception! More information regarding these College Readiness Power Days will be provided to your child on a monthly basis and posted on our website. Do not hesitate to contact us to get more details.

## ***New Programs Coming this Fall***

We have recently added two exciting new programs to our school. The AP Capstone program provides honors students the opportunity to earn a special AP Capstone designation on their transcript. Our National Academy of Finance (NAF) program educates students in the field of business management. For more information regarding this programs contact Assistant Principal Mrs. Erin Brown at 754-323-1050.

## ***Important 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Dates***

### **Entrepreneurship & Leadership Military Academy Orientation:**

Saturday, August 19 @ 9:00 am

### ***New to Hills Orientation:***

Thursday, August 17 @ 6:30 pm

### **First Day of School:**

Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:40 am

### **Open House Evening Events**

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

College and Career Night in the auditorium @ 6:00 pm

Clubs & Sports in the Cafeteria @ 6:30 pm

PTSO Membership Drive in the Cafeteria @ 6:30 pm

Meet the Teachers @ 7:00 pm

### **Labor Day:**

No School - Monday, September 4th

### **Early Release (College & Career Power Day 1):**

Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

### **Rosh Hashanah:**

No School - Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

### **Interim Reports:**

Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

### **PSD Early Release Day (College & Power Day 2):**

Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

### **PSAT Day:**

Wednesday, October 11th

### **Early Release (College & Career Power Day 3):**

Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

### **End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter:**

Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

