Basketball and Archery In Full Swing

December has found us now and our Basketball Teams and Archery Team have fired up their seasons. Basketball started with both teams winning their season openers and both squads are shooting for good seasons. Archery has held their own Invitational and is off to a good start with some outstanding individual scores.

With winter coming there are bound to be cancellations and practice time changes occurring. Sign up for alerts at our website at hancockcountyathletics.com and you will be alerted as soon as they occur. No more calling around, depending on rumors, etc. You will know as soon as it happens. There is a new iPhone app that is now available that ties into our website and will also give you alerts. Type in “vnn” or “vnn sports” (Varsity News Network) and download the free app. Just search for Hancock County and then you will be connected to HCHS sports and always up to date!

We still have the opportunity for great saving on ticket prices with basketball passes available. Just contact me @ david.hobbs@hancock.kyschools.us or call at 270-927-6953 for more info.

Go Hornets! - David Hobbs, HCHS Athletic Director
Senior Projects have been completed except our new seniors and the “Second Chance” students. All Senior Projects need to be completed by Wednesday, December 16th. Students who were identified as meeting high marks on the Senior Project were invited to the “Senior Project Showcase” that was held November 24th.

Internships begin in January at Southwire Aluminum.

Message from Southwire Aluminum:
We want to thank you for selecting the fine group of young men and ladies to interview for the Southwire Internship program. We believe many of the students we spoke with have a promising future and are very qualified to participate in the partnership program, so making the final decision was not an easy task.

We have selected for:
- Finance - Sydney Schaad
- Human Resources - Melanie Husk
- Operations (OPS) - Shelby Thomas
- Drafting/Engineering - Jasa Kreisle.

Other internships are available for Seniors. Please contact brad.goodall@hancock.kyschools.us for further information.

College and Career Readiness is a term that is now used frequently in Kentucky Schools. For a Kentucky High School, College Readiness is measured with the following tests:

- **ACT** (Meeting Benchmarks in English 18, Math 22, Reading 22, Science 23, and Composite 21 scale score out of possible 36), OR
- **Compass Placement Tests** (English 74, Math 36, Reading 85 score out of possible 100).

For Career Readiness the following tests are used:

- **Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)** test scoring a 50 AFQT,
- **WorkKeys** (ACT test to measure job skills – Reading For Information, Locating Information, Applied Math) test earning a Silver Certificate, and
- **Kentucky Occupational Skills Standards Assessment (KOSSA)** – Kentucky Assessment for Career and Technical Education programs.
FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE - TOM MAGAN

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Online Scholarship Search Engines:
There are several excellent websites that can help parents and seniors search for scholarship opportunities. Listed below are ones we suggest. They will require time to fill out, but they will provide a lot of scholarship information.
- www.kheaa.com
- www.chegg.com
- www.fastweb.com
- www.scholarshippoints.com
- www.cappex.com
- www.scholarships.com
- www.studentscholarships.org
- www.scholarshipexperts.com
- www.supercollege.com

Regional and National Scholarships:
We will be receiving emails from specific groups regarding scholarships starting this month. Those scholarship opportunities will be passed onto the seniors and parents through group emails.
The majority of scholarships are now online applications. Some will be available as hard copies in the guidance office.

Students wanting to register for the ACT must do so by creating an account online at www.actstudent.org. The cost for the regular exam (no writing section) is $39.50 and must be paid by debit or credit card through the online registration site. Mr. Magan can help students register during the school day.

Test Date | Registration Deadline | (Late Fee Required)
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December 12, 2015 | November 6, 2015 | November 7–20, 2015
April 9, 2016 | March 4, 2016 | March 5–18, 2016
June 11, 2016** | May 6, 2016 | May 7–20, 2016

WKU recognized several seniors: Ryan Emmick, Blake Garvin, Lindsey Hagman, Lexie LaMar, Sydney Schaad, Sydney Young.
Not pictured: Kiera Gammon, Jessica Glover, Hunter Nugent, Madison Jackson, Michaela Clarkson

Seniors that would like to set up individual meetings to talk about colleges and scholarships, please email Mr. Magan.
Parents are welcome to set up meetings as well.

Helpful Links for College and Career Planning:
KHEAA (managers of KEES money) have a great website with very useful information. KHEAA offers excellent links to college and career planning. Visit www.kheaa.com for more information.

FREE ACT EXAM: Juniors and Seniors that are receiving free/reduced lunch, are eligible for free ACT exams. ACT provides two free exams that can be taken on any test dates during the junior and senior year. See Mr. Magan for details.
From the Dean of Students, Mike Orr

**iPAD’s**

As the holidays are upon us, I would like to take this time to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I would also like to take this time to explain the value of the iPad in our school. When used correctly it can be an invaluable tool in a student’s education. The educators in our building have incorporated many new strategies and techniques using the iPad in the classroom. I think the benefits and potential will be and are unlimited. Unfortunately, the iPad can also be a major discipline issue for our students. We have many students that are using the iPad for things other than what they are intended. I would like to ask the parents to help monitor your child’s use of the iPad. We do the best we can to keep the students on task pertaining to the iPad. School officials and teachers do reserve the right to inspect the student’s iPad at any time to check the content and activity on a school issued device. I once again, ask your help to reinforce the proper use of this fantastic learning tool.

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**HCHS Mission**

In order for our students to be College & Career Ready, every student is encouraged to excel in one or more of the following areas:

- Reaching Proficiency in State and National Standards.
- Meeting Benchmarks on College & Career assessments.
- Completing Soft Skills Certification.
- Challenging themselves through multiple Advanced Placement (AP) courses.
- Engaging in extra- and co-curricular activities.
- Attaining service hours while giving back to their community
- Following Career Pathways specific to their strengths

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