



HHS PTSA/SEPTA PARENT MEETING MINUTES

05/23/2022 6:30PM VIA ZOOM

COVID

COVID protocols have not changed. If you need COVID rapid tests, please ask the school nurses. They pick up tests every week and have an abundance which they offer freely to students/staff and families. The school is still conducting the weekly surveillance testing.

Finals/Regents Exams

Please note, as of today May 26t, the June 1st US History Framework Regents Exam has been canceled by the NYS Board of Regents. This would have been the first administration of this exam.

It hasn't been announced yet, but Mr. A is anticipating the state will issue exemptions, he will keep us informed as these announcements come in.

The exam is normally administered during the school day for all Juniors. Students can be excused from school after they complete the exam.

After June 13th, there are no classes. The [Exam Schedule](#) is posted in the HHS Daily Notices and on the website. The Administration has tried to ensure there were no testing conflicts so that a student has only one test per day. The Regents do take precedence if there is a conflict as Regents cannot be made up. If a student is out sick with COVID or the flu and misses the Regents, they would take it at the next administration which would be August or sometime this year. In case there is a conflict, students/parents should contact first their teacher, then guidance counselor, and if they are not able to assist in rescheduling, then please contact Ms. Hardesty.

There was an appeal to the State to eliminate the Regents this year. There is no flat out exemption. The normal passing grade is 65%. For a student with a 504 status the score must be 55% or higher. There is a newly available local appeal, due to the pandemic, which can be made. If a student scores a 50% or more, the school can appeal and a student can pass with the local appeal. Mr. A. does not expect that we will need to utilize the local appeal but it is available. He has not made students aware of this appeal, but did want parents to know.

Regents exams count for no more than 10% of the final grade. If a course has a Final Exam, the % of the grade based on the final exam is at the teacher's discretion.

Staffing

HHS has hired two Full Time English Teachers and they were confirmed tonight at the BOE meeting. The new hires will be replacing Rudd/Marciano and Glassman. They have also hired a part time Latin teacher (a .6 FTE). They are having a challenging time hiring a part time (.4 FTE) French teacher. The search is continuing, both inside and out of the school. Mr. A expects that they will have full staffing by September.

Project Lead the Way is being continued.

Mr. Scotch will be teaching the SUPA class.

School Budget

If the next budget is voted down again, there will be significant cuts, likely with staffing and programming. A Contingency Budget would require an almost 1.4 million dollar reduction, which would definitely mean reduction of staff. Mr. A encouraged parents to learn about what the budget cuts will entail, and to vote.

Master Schedule/Student Schedules

Hastings High School does not make public which teachers will be teaching which courses until the schedule has been locked in. They prioritize and build the schedule based on what students need. Once the Master Schedule has been completed, they will reach out directly to students who have choices to make due to conflicting scheduling. They request these conversations be private, but do understand students often discuss with their friends and parents. The student's schedules will be public in August, and changes can be made by the student with their counselor at that time.

Senior Class Events

[The Information for the Senior Class packet](#) is posted on the website and in the Daily.

- **Saturday June 4th** 3:00 PM The Senior Car Parade. The Village will also send out info on the parade to the community.
- **Monday June 6th** 6:30 PM to 10:30PM Senior Prom being held under a tent at Harvest on Hudson. Technically, Seniors are not supposed to drive to prom. A notice reminding students not to drink/use drugs and operate a vehicle will be sent out as a traffic and safety reminder. Outside Guests are welcome.
- **Monday June 13th** Cap and Gown Distribution and Senior Presentations to Underclassmen
- **Thursday June 16th** 7:00 PM in the HS Auditorium Community Scholarship and Award Ceremony. A letter will be sent home to anyone receiving an award. If you did not receive a letter but believe this was an error, please contact Nancy Gagliardi 478-6252. The departmental awards will be distributed during graduation. If you cannot be present at the ceremony, please let Ms. Gagliardi know.
- **Wednesday June 22nd** 11:30 AM Graduation Rehearsal will be held in the HHS Auditorium.
- **Thursday June 23rd** 6:00 PM on the Burke Estate (weather permitting). There are no tickets, families are able to have as many guests as they'd like. If they do have to move indoors - please keep guests to a minimum. Graduation is typically about an hour long ceremony. HHS will provide chairs for outdoor seating. If you or a family member needs disability accommodations, they should park in the "pit" where there is a ramp. They will also have a "gator" cart to transport people in need of assistance. There will be professional photographers from Legacy Studios at the ceremony. Here is the [link and the code where the Grad Photos](#) will be uploaded. The Code is: **3518E22**

Student/Teacher Protocol for Extended Illness

If a student is out due to illness, they should talk to the teacher about prioritizing the missed work. If they need additional assistance with missed work, the student and/or parent should talk to the Guidance Counselor. If need be, Mr. A. or Ms. H. can get involved. If a student is out for more than a week for a non-COVID reason (such as a broken leg), the school needs documentation and can provide home tutoring.

PTSA Announcements

- PTSA Executive Committee 2023 Nominating Committee slate was approved. Please attend and vote to elect our nominations at the General Meeting. The General Meeting date will be announced soon.
- Traffic committee - Thank you for taking the survey! More information will be forthcoming.
- Stay informed re the budget process and please vote. Public comments were made and important information was discussed at the BOE Meeting proceeding our meeting tonight. [The video is here](#). The [Budget Update Slide Presentation is here](#). The next public meeting is Thursday (time to be determined).
- June 1st - 4th - PTSA Inclusion Working Group and The Race Matters Committee [Multi Cultural Book Fair and Festival](#)

SEPTA Announcements

SEPTA is proud to be awarding two seniors with scholarships at the Community Scholarship and Award Ceremony. Congratulations to all of our 2022 Seniors.

We encourage all members to educate themselves on the School Budget proposals ahead of the upcoming vote. All updated Budget information is accessible through the District's website via the 'Budget' tab. Please reach out to SEPTA with any questions, concerns or any comments you may have. Here is a link to the original proposal regarding [Advancing SPED](#) for Hastings Students which was presented to the BOE and the District on April 5, 2022.

FINAL HHS PTSA MEETING FOR THE 2022 SCHOOL YEAR

On Behalf of the PTSA, SEPTA and Hastings High School, we thank you for your continued support. Congratulations to the students who are graduating this year!
We wish you and your families a very happy and relaxing summer!