

Principal Messages (10/15/07)

1) Student Led Conferences (Wed., October 17th) 1:00-6:00 PM

Students are getting ready to share with their parents all the progress their work in standards this year. Please come to hear from your child on each of our eight content areas, go over their portfolio(s), and set goals for the coming weeks of school during this semester.

Times: 1:00 –6:00 PM, in the Commons, led by students with portfolios; teachers in support roles

Reminder: Thursday will be an early release day (1:00 PM) because of the Student-led Conferences on Wednesday.

2) Field Trips (Zoo/Museum) Oct 19th, Friday, 9:00-12:00 AM

This Friday students will be taking a field trip from 9:00-12:00 to either the Anchorage Zoo or the Alaska Museum of Flight. One of our school goals is to increase contextual learning, which includes hands on and/or experiences connected to our standards. Half the students will be going to one location; the other half to the other.

We need Chaperones! Can you join us for Friday morning? Please contact Ms. Jan for details for riding along with the students on the school buses and exploring the Zoo and Museum this coming Friday.

We'll return by 12:00 PM on Friday for our dismissal at 12:10 for Exploration Friday (students working on ILP's on volunteering, shadowships, and projects in the community). Check with your Advisory teacher for details and/or if you

have questions.

3) Strategy Game Club Up and Running...

HTH's famous Strategy Game Club is back. Every Monday from 3:45-5:00 PM students will work with Mr. Hipsak to learn strategy games on boards and on the computers. Strategy Game Club is one of HTH's oldest clubs and very engaging in fun and higher order thinking skills.

To participate students must be current in all their classes and have their teachers sign an eligible to participate form every two weeks. Students can see Mr. Hipsak at Lunch or before school to learn more about joining this Club. Watch for posters in the entryway with more details.

4) HTH/Blood Bank of Alaska Blood Drive Reminder

HTH is hosting a blood drive this Monday, Oct. 15, 2007

8am - 2:00 pm It will be located right outside our school doors.

Thanks for all those who are encouraging their advisory students and friends to participate.

5) HTH's Racquet Club Every Thursday

We're offering students a chance to learn to play tennis and racquetball until Winter Break. Every Thursday students can come to the AK Club East to join our Racquet Club for the next 8 weeks between 4:00-5:00 PM each week. It costs \$10 per lesson per student payable to the AK Club. We'll have a tennis pro and instructors to help the students learn and provide racquets/balls. Students/parents are responsible for transportation to the Club and back home after 5:00 PM

Space is limited to 15 students. First come, first serve. So sign

up with Ms. Jan at the Front Desk. Student must sign the AK Club Waiver and the HTH permission form to be eligible to participate.

6) Robotics Team Updates

Dates for upcoming robotics activities:

- Wed, 2:30 - 3:20 pm weekly robotics team meetings
- 4th Period (for those who are able to spend more time helping Legos and doing other robotics activities)
- Parent meeting nights (twice a month) as set by the parents. Next meeting: Mon, Oct. 29, 2007 / 6-7pm

HTH Robotics Blog Site:

<http://robotics.hthstudentwebsites.org/blog/>

7) Close Up

We will be taking a group of students to participate in the Close-Up program in Washington, D.C. Feb. 29-March 8, 2008. For more information, please contact Mr. Johnson (johnson_jeffrey@asdk12.org)

Reminder...initial payments are due on Friday October 19th for those planning to attend.

8) WAYLAND BAPTIST UNIVERSITY AND HTH PRESENT

COLLEGE CREDIT COURSES

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?: HTH STUDENTS that have 2/3 HS credits completed, and SAT/ACT scores

WHEN: FALL semester, Nov. 12th-Feb. 15th WEDNESDAYS/THURSDAYS, 2:30-4

WHERE: HTH CAMPUS

COST: \$170 for 3 CREDITS!!!

WHAT: EARN 3 COLLEGE CREDITS AND HTH STANDARDS!

FALL COURSE OFFERINGS:

PSYCHOLOGY 1301:

The history of psychology, physiology, learning perception, social psychology, personality, abnormal behavior, and therapy will be covered.

MATH 1300/INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA:

Basic concepts of algebra, real numbers, linear equations and inequalities, polynomials, systems of equations and inequalities, determinants, graphing and functions.

SPRING COURSES TBA.

9) CURRENT AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Monday:

Study Hall 2:40-5:00 PM

Strategy Game Club 3:30-5/Room 17

Wednesday:

In November, college credit courses from 2:30-4

Thursday:

HTH Green Club 2:30-3:30 BEGINS OCT. 25th

In November, college credit courses from 2:30-4

Study Hall 2:40-5:00 PM

Students can discuss attending study hall with their advisors; however attending study hall is NOT a come and go activity. Once students leave, they need to leave the building.

Do you want to learn Spanish?

We have a person that is willing to work with our students, and teach Spanish! I would like to incorporate this into our After School Program. Please contact Ms. Hilger if interested in joining the Spanish Club.

10) Senior Hoodies Money Due

Senior Hoodie Money Due Monday! \$20 w/ order form. Check with Mrs. S. Johnson (Johnson.Stacey@asdk12.org)

11) Upcoming Events:

Blood Drive (at HTH/Anchorage Education Center) Oct 15th, Monday, 8:00 - 2:00

Student Led Conferences Oct 17th, Wednesday, 1:00-

6:00 PM

Field Trips (Zoo/Museum) Oct 19th, Friday, 9:00-12:00
AM

Exploration Friday Oct 19th, Friday, 12:10 PM
Dismissal

Black and White Dance Oct. 26th, Friday, 7:00-11:00
PM

If you have any questions, please give Ms. Jan a call at 742-1700 and remember to download calendars, principal messages, staff email addresses, and other

useful materials at our website (www.highlandtech.org)

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