

## **Principal Messages (9/13/07)**

### **1) September Stakeholder Meeting:**

Just a quick note to say "THANKS" for coming to our first Stakeholder Meeting this past Wednesday at HTH.

We appreciate your support through active participation in our school and help with the Reinventing Schools Model of shared leadership and continuous improvement.

Look forward to seeing you at the next Stakeholder Meeting (and around school) on September 26th at 6:00-7:30 PM.

Please work with Ms. Hilger ( [hilger-rector\\_laura@asdk12.org](mailto:hilger-rector_laura@asdk12.org) ) on agenda items and ways to get more involved with these meetings.

Check our website ([www.highlandtech.org](http://www.highlandtech.org)) for additional information and those documents (schedule, calendar, draft goals, etc) we spoke about at the meeting.

### **2) SAT Registration Reminder**

Please remember to sign your student up on the SAT test on Oct 6th if they are considering taking Wayland Baptist College classes at HTH in November. The SAT test does NOT guarantee admission, but is required for the college application. Go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and enter them under the Highland Tech School Code (#020366) Highland Tech's address is: 5530 E. Northern Lights, Blvd #1, Anchorage, AK 99504

The next test is November 3rd, but HTH students considering the November classes need to register and take the SAT on October 6th.

We'll be announcing which College Classes will be offered in November-February soon. Ms. Hilger ([hilger-rector\\_laura@asdk12.org](mailto:hilger-rector_laura@asdk12.org)) is working with Wayland College based on our students' needs and interests for courses.

Graduating HTH students meet at noon on half days in Ms. Kohler's classroom.

### **3) 2007-2008 Yearbooks on sale now!**

\$50 until end of December.

We want your summer pictures! Please see Ms. Kohler ([kohler\\_roxy@asdk12.org](mailto:kohler_roxy@asdk12.org)) or Jenna Roosdett

Senior pictures are due November 9, 2007.

We still have a few 2006-2007 Yearbooks let if you want to buy one from last year (\$50 each).

#### **4) U-MED FEST**

Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007, Goose Lake Park (12:00 - 4:00 PM)

Please plan to join us and have your advisory help participate, or better yet, help volunteer! This is a great service project. Kids who are volunteering need to arrive by 11am. A map is posted at the front of HTH school building. see Ms. Kohler ([kohler\\_roxy@asdk12.org](mailto:kohler_roxy@asdk12.org))

#### **5) Robotics (FIRST and LEGO)**

Robotics meets every Wednesday, 2:30 - 3:20 pm, Room #20. We need parent helpers for Lego's & Robotics. We also want to encourage ALL students (including our girls interested in science, engineering, and teamwork). If you are interested, please see Ms. Kohler ([kohler\\_roxy@asdk12.org](mailto:kohler_roxy@asdk12.org)). Parent meeting Wed, Sept. 19 at 6:00 PM.

We still need coaches and chaperones to help our Robotics teams. Call or email if you have time to help the students.

#### **6) HTH's Blood Drive through Blood Bank Alaska**

Monday, Oct. 15, 2007; 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM; in front of HTH and the Anchorage Education Center. Please see Ms. Kohler ([kohler\\_roxy@asdk12.org](mailto:kohler_roxy@asdk12.org)) or Scarlett Rednall for more information.

#### **7) Traffic Safety (TURN RIGHT).**

TURN RIGHT. After dropping off or picking up students in front of HTH, please TURN RIGHT to exit behind the Center. We have had one traffic accident in our parking lot AND it is incredibly unsafe when drivers turn left into the student parking area. TURN RIGHT. No matter which direction you are going from HTH and the Anchorage Education Center, you can get back onto Boniface from behind the Center if you TURN RIGHT.

Please for our students' safety, TURN RIGHT.

#### **8) Senior Gap Analysis Meetings**

If you are one of our nearly 50 Seniors (or 5th year/6th year Senior), please

be aware we want to meet with you, your Advisory teacher, parents, and Principal. We will be asking WHEN you intend to graduate (December or May), how many standards you have yet to complete, whether you'll be signing up for our College Preparatory Classes (Sept-Oct) and/or Wayland Baptist College courses (November - May), and what we can do to support your efforts this year in graduating.

Please check with your Advisory teacher to make sure you have a Senior Gap Analysis Meeting scheduled and a Gap Analysis ready. Our goal is help everyone graduate this year AND get some college credit through our partnership with Wayland Baptist College.

### **9) Stakeholder Hours**

We are still looking for your help as stakeholder this year. Please let us know if you have time to help with monitoring lunch time, helping before or after school in the Commons, help teachers with organizing classrooms, and/or help running our school store, The Closet. These hours count towards your Stakeholder Hours (30 hours for each student) in lieu of paying our \$150 supply fee. We love having your help and the students (even if they don't express it outwardly) will be glad you show your support of them at school.

Remember you also get Stakeholder Hour credit for attending Stakeholder Meetings, Committee work, and/or Principal's Cabinet time. Just document your hours in the Stakeholder Hour book at the Parent's Table by our front desk.

### **10) Dress Code**

Thanks for supporting our Dress Code of NEAT, CLEAN, AND BUSINESS-LIKE. Students are coming to school w/o CHAINS and have been very cooperative on this item. Most students are doing a great job, but some far below our expectations of NEAT, CLEAN, AND BUSINESS-LIKE:

- 1) Are my clothes neat (i.e. no rips, tears, baggy, appropriate logos)?
- 2) Are my clothes washed (i.e. no stains, smells, etc)?
- 3) Can I describe/defend the business I am dressed up for today?

Monday, we'll reconvene the Principal's Cabinet (3 students, 3 teachers, and 3 parents) to take on the question of equity and enforcement of our Dress

Code. We want to engage the students in taking pride and responsibility for coming to school/work NEAT, CLEAN, AND BUSINESS-LIKE.

Please expect to hear some clarifications and recommendations from this Cabinet and Student Government this coming week on making sure ALL students NEAT, CLEAN, AND BUSINESS-LIKE at Highland Tech.

### 11) **HTH's College Prep Begins**

COLLEGE PREP COURSE TO BEGIN MONDAY, SEPT. 17TH at 3:30-5:00 PM

WHO: HTH STUDENTS, PSS LEVEL 3 OR HIGHER

WHEN: MONDAYS/WEDNESDAYS, 3:30-5PM, FOR 3 WEEKS

WHERE: HTH CAMPUS

COST: FREE!!!!

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?: Register through your Advisory using the provided form. Be ready for class on Monday, Sept. 17th.

Some Information on the Professor:

Professor Jeff Anderson comes to HTH from Wayland Baptist University. He has a Phd. in Philosophy from Vanderbilt University, and has been in Alaska for sixteen years. We are lucky to have him contribute to the HTH culture, and look forward to him teaching our students.

### 12) **Spanish Class Opportunity**

HTH does have a professor who is willing to teach a spanish course for HTH students. The question is, how many HTH students want to take the class? If you are interested in taking an intermediate course in Spanish, please contact Laura Hilger at [hilger-rector\\_laura@asdk12.org](mailto:hilger-rector_laura@asdk12.org).

### 13) **POP Tab Contest**

Who can collect the most? We are collecting pop tabs for cancer. Advisories are competing against each other to collect the most to gain a large amounts of points. This will help provide for families with children receiving treatment at local hospitals. This is going on until 9.28.07.

### 14) **Upcoming Events:**

Exploration Friday      September 14th, Friday (school dismissed at noon)

Teacher In-service      September 21st, Friday (no school)

Stakeholder Meeting      September 26th, Wednesday, 6:30 PM

Check out our website ([www.highlandtech.org](http://www.highlandtech.org)) for downloads of the daily schedule, yearlong calendar, and copies of Principal Messages.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jan at 742-1700

All the best,

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