

WHAT'S NEW?

Dear Parents,

Hoover City Schools is taking part in an anonymous student survey. The results of this survey will help our local school system to design and implement programs that promote student health and school safety, such as reductions in adolescent smoking, and bullying behavior. To gather this information, we have chosen a Pride Surveys questionnaire.

The survey will be administered to all 7th and 10th grade students and will ask questions about school climate, such as student alcohol, tobacco and other drug use; bullying, school safety, and risk and protective factors. The survey is scheduled to take place the week of March 13 – 17, 2017.

The data provides direction to our principals and counselors when planning drug prevention programs for each school. The Pride Survey is used by more than 8,000 schools across the nation to gather student data on tobacco, alcohol, illicit drug use and related behaviors over the past two decades. Questions on violence explore the relationship between students who use various drugs and their level of involvement in violent behaviors. Students will be asked to fill out a paper and pencil questionnaire. The survey takes approximately 30 minutes to complete and is available in the principal's office if you would like to review its content. A summary of the information gathered will be shared with parents when the results have been evaluated by district personnel.

This is an anonymous survey. The survey has been designed to protect your child's identity; it is totally anonymous. Students will not put their names on the survey. If you prefer that your child not participate, please inform your school's designee by emailing tmontgomery@hoover.k12.al.us if you prefer that your 10th grade child not participate. This must be done by noon on Monday, March 13th.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to help students understand that alcohol and drug use can be harmful to their health and safety.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

The Bell Center Youth Alliance offers a unique opportunity for high school students (entering 10th-12th grade) to enjoy a hands-on learning experience at our established nonprofit. Intellectual, energetic, community service-oriented students from the greater Birmingham area schools are carefully selected to join the Youth Alliance, bringing with them fresh perspectives and new ideas. The Youth Alliance members are invaluable to The Bell Center as they offer their time, energy, and enthusiasm by supporting our mission through fundraising events, special projects, and spreading the word about the services we provide for families.

If you would be interested in volunteering, see Mrs. Phillips, in the Counseling Dept., for an application.

HHS Girls Varsity Lacrosse game. Brock's Gap this Thursday at 7:00 vs. Vestavia.

The ASVAB is scheduled for Thursday, April 6, 2017 at Hoover High School for interested 11th and 12th graders. It will begin at 8:00 AM in A 109 and last approximately 3 hours. The deadline to register is Tuesday, April 4th. All students interested in participating in the ASVAB Career Exploration Program must register at <http://bit.ly/2m2uBNa>. This test is offered to interested 11th and 12th graders at no cost. This test will provide information about verbal, math, science and technical skills. ASVAB scores can be used to enlist in the Military after graduation but students are under no obligation as a result of taking the ASVAB. No scores will be released to military personnel without student's request. If you have any questions, please contact Tonah Montgomery: email tmontgomery@hoover.k12.al.us, phone (205)439-1225.

ACADEMIC REMINDERS

Will you answer the call to become someone's **HERO?** SGA presents CHICK-FIL-A SPIRIT NIGHT

Thursday, March 9th, 4:00-8:00pm, Chick-Fil-A of Patton Creek

15% of all dine-in and drive-thru purchases will be donated to the [Make-A-Wish Foundation!](#) **Awards given out for Superhero-themed Costume Contest!**

Come dressed as your favorite superhero (individually or as a part of a group-theme) and be entered to win various Chick-Fil-A sponsored prizes! Share your photos on Instagram & Twitter with the hashtag #HSHero2017 to be entered!

Video Promo: <https://youtu.be/Bs4HdYfr6t4>

Informational Flyer: <http://bit.ly/CFASpiritFlyer17>

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:

United Ability (formerly United Cerebral Palsy) is looking for volunteers for their summer program. Volunteers must be between 13-18 years old and commit to volunteering a minimum of 32 hours between June 5 and July 28. Chosen volunteers work mostly in one of the classrooms in their Hand in Hand Early Learning Program, a day program for children with and without disabilities 1-5 years old.

For application requirements, FAQ and application forms download at

<https://www.unitedability.org/about/volunteer/inthe> GIGsection

Need to be inducted into the [Latin Honor Society](#)? Please read this form, complete it, and see Mrs. Joy in D155.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CARDS:

Completed Community Service cards are due by Thursday, April 13, 2017. Cards turned in by that date will be honored at the May 12 Awards Day Ceremony. Turn your community service card, with a minimum of 80 work hours, signed by a supervisor, to Mrs. Phillips, in the Counseling Dept. by April 13. Cards turned in after the April 13 due date will not be honored until next year's 2018 ceremony.

There will be no exceptions to this due date of April 13.

ATTENTION SENIORS

Email your group photos from sporting events, dances, etc. to hooverseniors17@gmail.com for the graduation slideshow by Friday April 14th.

PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING SCHOOL FEES

Statements have been mailed for students that have outstanding fees. All outstanding fees must be paid in full for counselors to begin 2017-18 course selection for your student.

All Seniors must have their student fees paid to receive their cap and gown.

For interested Juniors (rising seniors):

Alabama Governor's School is a two-week summer program held at Samford University for high-achieving students from around the state. Students pursue academic interests, learn about the basics of college, establish networks, and engage in social activities.

This year's dates are June 18-30. Go to alabamags.org for more details. See Mr. Butler in the guidance office by 3/3 if interested.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:

Ross Bridge is looking for volunteers for their Block Party on March 18, from 1-4pm. Volunteers will be in charge of tug of war, sack races and keeping the grounds clean. If interested, please contact Cecilia Pearson at rossbridgehoa@gmail.com or (205)790-3636

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:

Do Dah Day at Rhodes Park on southside in Birmingham is May 20. Volunteers are needed for 3 shifts; 8-11am, 11am-2pm, 2-5pm to work concessions, games, etc. in the park. The minimum age for volunteers is 16. If interested, contact Chad at Dodahdayvol@gmail.com

"You Make My World Go 'Round"

* It's prom time! Prom will be Saturday, April 8th at the Downtown Sheraton. Tickets are available for purchase on preptix.com. Hoover Prom Tickets will not be sold at school or at the door. However, the link will remain active until the night of prom.

* Prom shirts are available for pre-order only. See a member of JCO to purchase or go to D347.

* See the flyer for additional information:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzBLLgKbylqxLVYzNTQ2LWViRVk/view?usp=sharing>

Summer School Dates and Information

Summer School Credit Recovery

Dates: June 12th – June 30th

Meets: Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm at Hoover High School

Cost: \$200.00 per semester class

Summer School Credit Enhancement (Includes Driver's Ed and Health)

Dates: June 12th – June 30th – 1st TERM

July 10th – July 28th – 2nd TERM

Meets: Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm at Hoover High School

Cost: \$200.00 per semester class

Notes: Health will meet the first day of each term and all other assignments are submitted virtually (All assignments must be completed by the last day.)

Driver's Ed will meet the first 5 days of the term and students will drive two other days during the term.

Registration packets will be available in April. Students can begin registration on May 2, 2017.

Course Selection for 2017-18 is now online!

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/xmovcJp6CpcF4/>

Parents, please notify the school nurse if your child has been diagnosed by a physician with the flu. We only use this information for tracking purposes. You may call the health room at 439-1330 or email gstoudenmire@hoover.k12.al.us to report any cases.

Balfour is our provider for class rings, caps, gowns, announcements, graduation supplies, etc. Balfour comes to our campus several times each semester, but parents and students can also go online at <http://www.alabamabalfour.com/> to place any orders.

See Senior Exam Exemption Policy for Spring 2017 here:

https://docs.google.com/a/hcs-students.net/document/d/1OsyEcCMubuNPM5Rh_dRrgDuQd0IGAJ8PPxB2D8VeSa4/edit?usp=sharing

ATHLETIC REMINDERS

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Wednesday, March 8th:

- Boys and Girls Tennis play Mountain Brook at Home at 3:00pm.

Thursday, March 9th:

- JV Baseball plays at home against Oak Mountain at 4:00 and Varsity follows at 6:30.
- Boys soccer plays at Vestavia beginning with Freshman at 4:00pm, JV at 5:30 and Varsity at 7:00pm.
- Girls Golf plays in the Glencoe Tournament at Silver Lakes.
- Softball plays Tuscaloosa County at home with Varsity playing at 5:00pm and JV to follow at 7:00pm.

Friday, March 10th:

- Girls Soccer play Vestavia beginning with JV at 5:00 and Varsity to follow at 7:00pm.

Saturday, March 11th:

- Boys Varsity Baseball plays at Southside-Gadsden at 12:00 and 2:30 (Etowah)
- Boys Soccer plays at Home against Pelham beginning with Freshman at 4:00pm, JV at 5:30 and Varsity at 7:00pm

- Outdoor Track will participate in The King of the Mountain Meet at Vestavia Hills.

All Cross Country and Track Athletes: Team pictures will be on Thursday, March 9, at 3:45 at the track. If it rains, it will be located in the competition gym. Do not be late. The pictures will begin on time.

The Hoover Buccanette Dance Teams will hold a mandatory audition meeting on Wednesday, March 15th at 5:30 for any interested current 8th, 9th, 10th, or 11th graders. One parent and the dancer auditioning must attend in order to be eligible to tryout for either the Varsity or Junior Varsity Dance Teams.

For more information [click here](#) or contact Alicia Wilbanks at awilbanks@hoover.k12.al.us or Amy Blacker at ablacker@hoover.k12.al.us.

On Saturday, March 11, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. our Hoover Football Program is hosting our 5th Annual Mattress Sale fundraising event. This event has been VERY successful here at Hoover and school districts across Alabama and the US over the last 10 years. We are excited to have this event here again at Hoover

Top Brands are available including Simmons, BeautyRest, Comfort Aire, and Southerland. The mattress sets are also deeply discounted at 30%-50% below retail stores! Over 25 mattress sets will be on display; prices range from \$249 to \$3499. Awesome pillows and adjustable beds are also available. The sale is at Hoover High School in the cafeteria. Please tell your friends about this event and help support our Bucs!

For more information, check out our event page at:

[Hoover High School Football's Mattress Fundraiser Event Page](#)

Please join the event and invite your friends.

Please make sure to use your [Mattress Fundraiser Coupon!](#)

Discounted athletic passes may be purchased for students in grades K-12 for \$30.00 for the second semester- this includes remaining winter (basketball/wrestling) and spring sports (baseball/softball/soccer/track). The pass may be used for admission to any regular season, home sports event at Hoover HS, Bumpus Middle School and Simmons Middle School. Passes may not be used at away games or AHSAA playoff games/tournaments. Nationally televised games may also be excluded.

Passes can be purchased online at www.myschoolfees.com Enter the name of the student for whom the pass is being purchased for at checkout. Please bring a copy of the receipt to the Hoover HS athletic office to pick up the pass. On sale through March 10th.

GO BUCS!!!

Each grade level at HHS can sign up to receive text message alerts. To sign up for HHS class text message alerts, click here for instructions for a specific grade level: <http://bit.ly/HHSTEXT>

Class of 2017 seniors and parents: please join our Remind group to get all the important senior information sent directly to your phone. <https://www.remind.com/join/c4eb7d>

Enews can always be found on our HHS website: <http://hooverhigh.al.hch.schoolinsites.com/>

For EEOC Notices click here: <https://goo.gl/aqYptm>