



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! Although this time of year always signals new beginnings and opportunities for a fresh start, we are continuing the work that we began last year, albeit rejuvenated from the lovely two weeks of vacation.

During this month, we will have several very important events happening. The first is the launch of our recruitment efforts for the 2010-2011 school year. Please notify people in your various networks (work, church, school) about our school and the openings we will have for next year's 6th & 9th grades. Applications can be picked up and dropped off here at the school during school hours, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (You do not need to re-apply your current student(s) for next year.) I will also be contacting several parents to get your involvement in upcoming Information Sessions and Q & A Sessions. If you're interested in volunteering to help out, please email me at mwhite@hfasc.org as soon as possible.



On Saturday, January 16th, we will have our very first school dance! This exciting event was planned by our Student Council and will raise funds to support their initiatives. The middle school dance will be held 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. and the 9th grade dance will be 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. Additional information regarding guidelines for the dance will be sent home separately.

On January 25th, we will hold a very special event, the dedication of the gymnasium as the Thompson Gymnasium. We are honoring Bob & Ellen Thompson for their \$19 million investment in SCS in a program that will feature students, parents, staff and our CCS & HFLI partners.

On Thursday, January 28th, student will present their second quarter design challenge prototypes. Each student will present to his or her Forum at a time scheduled by the teacher. Please talk to your student about this event to know when they are scheduled to present. You are welcomed to attend the presentations for your student's Forum.

As you can see, January is a busy month for us at SCS. As always, please feel free to contact me with your questions, concerns and compliments and I'll see you soon.

Sincerely,

Ms. White

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Counselor's Corner



This month my guidance counselor lesson in the classroom will be focused on **Careers**. There are so many careers to choose from in this day and age resulting from emerging technology and new trends of employment. With all of these new careers, it is important to

make sure that our students are aware of what they can choose from. We will be evaluating the "job requirements" of specific careers in relation to academic subject knowledge. Our students need to understand the importance of subject content knowledge and how they will be able to apply it to their future careers. We will explore different careers in class and compare education requirements, salary scales and job trends. Parents you can help by emphasizing the importance of knowing basic subject knowledge and by continuing to encourage good study habits.

Winter Uniforms

Uniform order forms are available in the Main Office.

Art Smock Donations

In order to better preserve your student's uniforms, we are asking that you donate one old/used, men's button-up shirt per enrolled child. If you have extra shirts that you can donate to the school, we would greatly appreciate it. Turn all shirts into Ms. Johnson in the Main Office.

Curriculum Spotlight

In this month's newsletter, I'd like to feature some of the exciting, authentic learning experiences offered at our school. The 6th and 9th grade have already conducted field studies as part of their Stop, Drop and Design activities. Field studies allow for students to make real-world connections to the topics they are learning about at school. They engage in field studies to help them understand how to respond to their quarterly design challenges.

To further deepen their understanding of their design challenge "How might we design a disaster relief vehicle?" the 6th graders took a trip to the local fire station to gather data about crisis response. They spoke to the fire fighters, observed the features of a fire truck, and watched a demonstration on fire safety. This was a fantastic chance for students to conduct research for their own vehicle designs.

While the 6th grade traveled outside the school for their field study, the 9th graders took more of a "staycation" approach. Ms. Redmond, the 9th grade ELA teacher, organized a culinary arts fair to spark excitement around the 9th grade design challenge: "How might we design a healthy, appealing menu item for the school cafeteria?" The students traveled through four demonstrations by local chefs, caterers, and food service providers. The presenters were kind enough to organize tastings for all of the students!

In the month ahead, our 7th graders will conduct a field study at the Holocaust museum. Their design challenge charges students to combat bullying, in all its forms, in both their school and their community. If you are 7th grade parent, stay tuned for more information.

Dean's Blog

Welcome back HFA:SCS Family and Happy 2010!

This month as we continue with our cultural themes (the 3-R's = Respect, Responsibility, and Ready to Learn); we'll focus our attention on being **RESPONSIBLE**. Responsibility is one of the most important life skills a person can utilize to ensure a path to success. It's also crucial that all of our students here at HFA:SCS learn and exhibit responsibility in their academics, social life, and future endeavors. Students can demonstrate being responsible by: keeping their planners up to date with current assignments, coming to school each day with their picture I.D, and arriving to every class on time.

Parents can support these efforts by ensuring your child arrives to school each day on time, checking to make sure your child is in proper uniform when they arrive to school, and accessing the online homework database (for parents) to stay current on your child's academic progress!

PowerSchool for Parents

Parent access information for Powerschool is available in the HFA:SCS Main Office. Directions on how to access PowerSchool, along with login codes are included in the information packet. Parents MUST pick up the packet in person between 7:30 AM - 5:00 P.M

School Monitor

Mr. Turner is the new School Monitor at HFA:SCS. He will be supervising and monitoring the interior and exterior of the building, enforcing the School Code of Conduct, monitoring school detentions and in-school suspensions, and investigating a variety of student incidences. His office is located in the College Transition Center.

2010 - 2011 Recruitment

To further support our recruitment, we will hold several Information Sessions and Q&A Sessions during our enrollment period. The dates for these sessions (all held at HFA:SCS) are as follows:

Information Sessions:	Q & A Sessions:
January 9 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	January 27 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
January 21 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	February 4 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
January 31 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	February 9 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
February 6 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	

New student enrollment applications are available in the HFA:SCS Main Office and at www.schoolforcreativestudies.org.

We will be sending out recommitment forms for existing students in the late winter or early spring.

**School Programs Update
January 2010**

"Get In the Cut"

Important Afterschool PARENT ALERT!

HFA: SCS students are **ONLY** allowed to remain afterschool if they are involved in an afterschool activity or program that occurs that day. Please be sure to pick up your child at dismissal if they are not involved in any activities. Routine late pick-ups are frowned upon and will be addressed. Students who decide to "hang out" after school hours will be escorted to the Main Office and parents contacted for immediate pick-up. If this behavior persists, a parent meeting will be held to address and resolve the concern.

Sports News

Parents please support our students playing sports and the athletic program! We are currently in seasons for Boys' JV Basketball, Boys' Middle School Basketball, and Girls' Middle School Volleyball. Please see the newsletter calendar for game dates or contact Mr. McKoy, Athletic Director, wmckoy@hfasc.org

Student Events

On December 18, 2009, HFA:SCS held its first school Talent Showcase. Kudos and job well done goes out to all our students who participated and showcased their artistic talents in singing, rapping, dancing, poetry, and much more. Highlights of the events included two guest staff performers, Mr. Freece (Science, 9th) playing guitar and Ms. Daniels (Math, 7th), who stole the show with her rendition of Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean". Special thanks to Ms. Williams and Ms. Redmond, talent show coordinators.

PTO

On Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009, we held a Principal's Parent Meeting. After the meeting, parents, Mrs. Carla Hogan and Mrs. Carol Shivers, presented a draft of the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) bylaws to all parents in attendance. In addition, they discussed the officer election process and parent yahoo group website. For more information, please contact Mrs. Hogan at chogan2008@yahoo.com or Mrs. Shivers at avoncs4559@yahoo.com.

Tutoring

Does your child need extra help? Make sure you take advantage of before and afterschool tutoring offered by each instructor. A schedule of dates and times are available in the Main Office. In addition to afterschool tutoring, students will be attending Academic Coaching, which occurs during school hours through-out the month of January. Academic Coaching provides remediation and acceleration lessons for students during alternate scheduling on Thursdays and Fridays.

Enrichment Activities

Listed below are current afterschool activities and their contact person:

- Math Club – Mr. Cornelissen, ext. 1230
- Girls Self Image – Ms. Franklin, ext. 1209
- iLife Computer Club – Mrs. Bates, ext. 1131
- Student Newspaper – Mrs. Nowicki, ext. 1204
- Saxophone Club – Mr. Hemming ext. 1201

For other questions about school programs contact Ms. Burris, Director of Student Programs at ext. 1104.

School Dance

On Saturday, January 16th, the Student Council will host our first school dance in the gym. This will be a formal dance for HFA:SCS students and invited guests **ONLY**. Tickets are on sale now! If you are interested in chaperoning or would like more information, please contact Student Council Advisors, Mrs. Himmelstein (ext. 1205), Ms. Russell (ext. 1117), or Mr. Goetz (ext. 1208).

Theme: Red Carpet

Cost: \$10 per student or \$18 per couple

Attire: Formal. No jeans. No gym shoes.

6th & 7th Grades

Time: 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Pick-Up: 6:00 PM SHARP!

(6th & 7th Graders who are not picked up by 6PM will be sent outside to wait for their transportation.)

9th Grade

Time: 7:30 - 9:45 PM

Pick-Up: 9:45 PM SHARP

(9th Graders who are not picked up by 10 PM will be sent outside to wait for their transportation. Building doors will lock at 10 PM!)



Mark Your Calendar!

January 2010:

12	NO Afterschool Programs
16	HFA:SCS Dance
18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day School Closed
25	Thompson Gymnasium Dedication
29	Professional Development Day No School

February 2010:

4	Exams Half Day, 12 Noon Dismissal
5	Exams Half Day, 12 Noon Dismissal
8	Professional Development Day No School
15-19	Mid-Winter Break School Closed

Thompson Gym Dedication

On Monday, January 25, 2010, it is our honor to dedicate our school gym, Thompson Gymnasium, to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson. Bob and Ellen Thompson have greatly assisted HFA:SCS in its educational endeavors. They have committed several million dollars to develop the facilities we currently enjoy. This ceremony will take place in the gym from 1:30 - 2:00 PM. The entire school body will be present for this dedication and parents are also welcome to attend.

COLLEGE FOR CREATIVE STUDIES: Young Artist Program Classes

The young artist classes are designed to feed the curiosity of creative minds. CCS offers a variety of studio and digital-based courses for several age groups to provide a supportive learning environment for all.

Courses offered are: Design Your Line, Drawing Principles, The Limitless Sewing Machine, Fundamentals of Design, Introduction to Web Design and Sculpting in Clay.

For more information, you may pick up a brochure from the HFA: SCS Main Office and visit www.collegeforcreativestudies.edu.

COLLEGE FOR CREATIVE STUDIES:

'10 PreCollege Summer Experience July 11 - August 7, 2010

CCS Summer Experience is a four-week program designed to help your student prepare for applying to a college of art and design. Students will create work for their portfolio, learn creative problem solving skills, meet fellow artists and leave with a large network of friends and mentors.

- Scholarship Deadline - May 1, 2010
- Application Deadline - May 15, 2010

To request an application or for more information, contact the CCS Continuing Education office at 313.664.1530, email cce@collegeforcreativestudies.edu or visit www.collegeforcreativestudies.edu/experience. Flyers are also available in the HFA:SCS Main Office.

Teacher Contact Information

****All Tutoring for All Subjects are held on Tuesdays, 4:00 - 4:30 PM****

Grade	Teacher	Email	Ext	Subject	Room #	Tutoring
6	Mr. Cornelissen	bcornel@hfascs.org	1230	Math	218	Tuesdays, 7:30 - 7:55 AM
6	Mr. Davis	sdavis@hfascs.org	1235	Social Studies	216	Thursdays, 4:00 - 4:30 PM
6	Ms. Hingelberg	rhingel@hfascs.org	1237	English	215	Wednesdays, 7:30 - 7:55 AM
6	Mr. Hodson	jhodson@hfascs.org	1236	Art	225	Thursdays, 7:30 - 7:55 AM
6	Mr. McKoy	wmckoy@hfascs.org	1220	Physical Education	Gym	
6	Ms. Robertson	kroberts@hfascs.org	1233	Science	217	Mondays, 4:00 - 4:30 PM
7	Mrs. Bates	abates@hfascs.org	1203	Art	223	Thursdays, 7:30 - 7:55 AM
7	Ms. Daniels	udaniels@hfascs.org	1202	Math	210	Wednesdays, 7:30 - 7:55 AM
7	Mr. Hemming	jhemming@hfascs.org	1201	Science	211	Thursdays, 4:00 - 4:30 PM
7	Mrs. Himelstein	rhimels@hfascs.org	1205	English	214	Wednesdays, 4:00 - 4:30 PM
7	Mr. McMahon	mcmahon@hfascs.org	1220	Physical Education	Gym	
7	Mrs. Nowicki	nowicki@hfascs.org	1204	Social Studies	213	Tuesdays, 7:30 - 7:55 AM
9	Mr. Aiosa	baiosa@hfascs.org	1131	Math	121	Wednesdays, 4:00 - 4:30 PM
9	Mr. Freece	sfreece@hfascs.org	1130	Science	120	Mondays, 4:00 - 4:30 PM
9	Ms. Kadry	mkadry@hfascs.org	1134	Art	124	Thursdays, 4:00 - 4:30 PM
9	Ms. Redmond	credmond@hfascs.org	1135	English	119	Tuesdays, 7:30 - 7:55 AM
9	Ms. Russell	aruss@hfascs.org	1117	Social Studies	117	Wednesdays, 7:30 - 7:55 AM
9	Ms. Williams	cwill@hfascs.org	1116	Film Studies	116	Thursdays, 4:00 - 4:30 PM
	Mr. Goetz	jgoetz@hfascs.org	1208	Special Resources		
	Ms. Presberry	cpres@hfascs.org	1208	Special Resources		
	Ms. Franklin	franklin@hfascs.org	1209	Counselor		
	Mr. Scott	tscott@hfascs.org	1219	Dean of Students		