



HCHS Today

Hononegah Community High School, 307 Salem Street, Rockton, Illinois 61072

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 4	Third Nine Weeks Mid-term
February 16	Late Start
February 25	Emergency Day - No School
March 4	Emergency Day - No School
March 7	Casmir Pulaski Day - No School
March 11	End of Third Nine Weeks
March 16	Late Start
March 21-25	Spring Break
April 13-14	PSAT Testing
April 15	No School
April 18	Emergency Day - No School
April 20	Late Start
April 22	Fourth Nine Weeks - Mid Term
May 13	Seniors Last Day
May 25	Last Day of School



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SPRING MUSICAL

Mark your calendars for this year's all-school musical! *Beauty and the Beast* will feature Hononegah's fantastic students in the cast, crew, and live pit. Performances will be March 11, 12, and 13, 2022. More information to come!



Mission Statement

Hononegah strives to create a safe and inspiring atmosphere where students become thoughtful scholars, responsible citizens, and effective leaders through quality educational experiences that promote reflective critical thinking, civic engagement, and personal development.

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT

David Kurlinkus

It's was a long first semester. It's winter. The cold has finally arrived, but we're on the downside of the school year. We've stayed in school, with the exception of a remote day in January when a boiler problem shut down in-person learning.

Hononegah continues providing a quality education for our students. Challenges, some unexpected, continue to arise, but with the support of our staff and community and the enthusiasm of our students, those challenges are being met successfully.

As we prepare for the last semester of this school year, preparation has already begun for the future. The strategic planning process that began last year, continued last month, as the strategic planning team reconvened to work on the next five-year plan. Once the plan is completed and accepted by the Board, school action teams will meet and create plans to implement the strategic plan.

Recall that the strategic plan is the blueprint that presents objectives to be achieved for the next five years at Hononegah. Decisions on curriculum, community engagement, building and grounds and anything else to do with the school must coincide with the strategic plan. It's quite a bit of work, but it provides a central theme for the operation and improvement of the school.

It's almost time for students to sign up for classes for next year. This is important not only for next year's students, but also for the administration, an indication of staffing needs. How many sections of English will we need? Which electives will need additional classes? Which will need fewer? How many rooms will be needed for each department? All of this information and more is required to construct the class master schedule that has to be in place before student schedules are made.

A portion of the proposed strategic plan reinforces and formalizes what students have already been doing in course selections. Under the proposal, each student would continue to put together a 4-year plan which would include courses designed to support the student's future plans after graduation from high school. This would allow all students to choose courses, internships and other available activities that would assist in their preparation for college or a career.

Hononegah continues to evolve in an effort to serve its students' needs. It's an ever changing world requiring that schools adapt their offerings to prepare students to succeed after they leave, no matter what path they choose to take. It's difficult to anticipate what our students will face after they leave Hononegah, but we have to continue to provide a sound basic educational background while remaining flexible to address student needs in the face of the changes they face.

Our regular Board meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the school library. If you are interested in being placed on the agenda to speak or would like to attend a committee meeting where most of our planning is done, please call the district office at 624-5010. You can always contact me at 389-1382 or e-mail me at dkurli@hononegah.org.

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MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL DOUGHERTY

Greetings Hononegah Students and Families:

Second semester is well underway, and it has been a bit of an adventure with boilers, winter weather, and of course COVID. The nation is enduring a spike in COVID cases due to the Omicron variant, and our numbers have been reflective of the spike as well. The good news is that we seem to be rounding the corner of this particular surge, and through the hard work of many staff members and subs, we have done so without needing to interrupt in-person instruction for students. High-quality instruction is our goal after all, and during the January 14th School Improvement Day, Hononegah teachers and staff spent time with Dr. Luis Cruz, a nationally renowned speaker. Dr. Cruz spoke on Professional Learning Communities and the Response to Intervention process, reflecting on ways we can continue to improve our practices on our journey from good to great. Speaking of great, our winter athletic seasons are starting to wind up, and we are thrilled to again have student-athletes representing Hononegah in post-season tournaments. Look for more information about Hononegah athletics and activities on the Master Calendar linked from [Hononegah.org](https://www.hononegah.org). Thank you for your continued support in all that we do to help students.



Your friend in education.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chad Dougherty". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Chad Dougherty
Principal
Hononegah Community High School



Alert
Lockdown
Inform
Counter
Evacuate

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FOOD SERVICE NEWS

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect the nationwide supply chain. Disruptions are due to a lack of availability of raw ingredients and labor to produce, unload, and transfer food products. Many of our food and/or beverage items on our menu may not be available or arrive as scheduled. Due to unforeseen circumstances, last-minute menu changes and product substitutions may occur. The variety of menu choices remains limited. Be assured that meals will remain balanced, healthy, and plentiful. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Please email msmall@hononegah.org with any questions. Thank you.

GAIA'S TREE-PLENISH FUNDRAISER

Hononegah's environmental club, Gaia, is partnering with the non-profit organization: Tree Plenish (<https://www.tree-plenish.org/>). The goal of this partnership is to offset the paper-usage at Hononegah. Although ambitious, Gaia aims to sell and plant 200 trees in and around the local area. How can you help to make our school and community more sustainable? Purchase saplings! Soon, Gaia will begin selling saplings to students and families, so make sure to ask your students and keep an eye out for a link to a website where you can purchase 2-3 foot native tree saplings for only \$5!



To order saplings: tpevents.org/school/2061

HONONEGAH BUS ROUTES

Hononegah Community High School, along with First Student, provides transportation to one address for each student who qualifies for busing. We do not allow students to ride any bus other than their assigned one. We do not sign notes to allow a student to ride a different bus route other than their own. **If you are purchasing a parking pass you will not be assigned a bus route.** If you have an emergency situation, it must be arranged through Kelly Rosik in the Principal's Office at 815-624-5005.

EARLY BIRD BUS ROUTE

Do you need to arrive early at school? All Hononegah students have access to Early Bird Bus routes. These routes are designed like city routes with established stops. There are five routes, and the routes and a map are posted on the school's website. They are also displayed at the student entrances, in the Library, the DA Office, and the Principal's Office. The routes are available to all students who take a 1st hour class.

LATE START DAYS

Late start days are **February 16, March 16 and April 20**. On late start days, first hour begins at **9:20 PM** and second hour begins at **10:05 AM**. Students are released from school at **3:15 PM**. Buses run 1 hour and 30 minutes later for the Early Bird routes. Buses run 1 hour and 15 minutes later for the regular routes.

ATTENTION JUNIOR (2023) PARENTS

The Illinois Department of Public Health requires students, upon entering the sixth and the twelfth grade of any public, private, or parochial school, to receive an immunization containing meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4) in accordance with the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). The Immunization requirement consists of one dose of the MCV4 vaccine for 6th grade entrance and **2nd dose for 12th grade entrance**. This can be given anytime on or after the 16th birthday. Hononegah Community High School participates in first day exclusion so this immunization will be required for 2022-2023 Senior students. **The meningococcal vaccine may be given anytime during junior year.** Please call the Nurse's Office with any questions 815-624-5002. This documentation can be brought to the nurse's office as soon as you receive it, faxed to 815-957-4506 or email to cklein@hononegah.org.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CLASS OF 2025, 2024 AND 2023 **REQUIRED STATEWIDE TESTING IN APRIL**

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming test dates in April: April 13 and April 14, 2022. These tests are required by the Illinois State Board of Education. These two days will be shortened school days with altered bus schedules to accommodate the testing schedule. Students and parents will receive more specific information in late March:

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Juniors take the SAT
Sophomores take the PSAT 10
There is no school for freshmen and seniors

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Juniors take the Illinois Science Assessment
Freshmen take the PSAT 8/9
There is no school for sophomores or seniors

PARENTS OF 2026 GRADUATES

On Thursday, February 17, 2022, and Monday, February 21, 2022, HCHS will be hosting a Freshman Course Selection Night for all incoming freshmen for the 2022-2023 school year. This is an in-person event, but due to the timing of Freshman Course Selection Night and the trend of the Omicron variant, HCHS is taking the following precautions.

1. Limiting the size of the group each night. To the extent possible, we encourage students to attend with one parent and no additional family members.
2. Requiring all attendees to wear masks.
3. Recording the event for students and families and making it available to watch at home later.
4. Scheduling sender schools on a specific night:

Thursday, February 17, 2022 – Roscoe Middle School and Shirland

Monday, February 21, 2022 – Stephen Mack Middle School and Willowbrook Middle School

Freshman Course Selection Night provides students and parents of incoming 9th grade students an explanation of the different class offerings available freshman year. Each program will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in Hononegah's Performing Arts Center (PAC). Please arrive early to pick up materials. Parents will receive their students' results from the PSAT 8/9 test they took at the beginning of November. In addition to PSAT 8/9 results, students whose parents have enrolled them in our Skyward student database will receive their course placements for math, English and science. Immediately following the presentation in the PAC, parents and students will have an opportunity to ask questions of the department coordinators, special education case managers and school counselors. If you have any questions about Hononegah's Freshman Course Selection Night, please feel free to contact the Student Support Services Office at 815.624.5069.



CONGRATULATIONS

DIGITAL MEDIA PUBLICATION STUDENTS ACHIEVE ADOBE CERTIFICATION

Congratulations to the following *Digital Media Publication* students for certifying as Adobe Certified Professionals in Print & Digital Media Publication Using Adobe InDesign. These students went above and beyond to validate their knowledge of Adobe InDesign, the world's leading layout and page design software.

The Adobe Certified Professional test is rigorous and certification portrays each student's depth of knowledge utilizing the software program and assessment of job-ready skills. Students earning certification are able to identify the skills and concepts that are critical to using InDesign effectively in a professional context.

The *Graphic Design Program and Career and Technical Education Department* would like to congratulate these students on their success!

Gavin Bennett
Andi Berg
Olivia Dencker

Isabella Druettel
Alessandro Escamilla
Delaney Harris
Alexander Leon

Alayna Ogden
Jackson Schroeder
Sarah Yeager

Office Application Students Successfully Achieved their Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Certifications in Excel First Semester

Office Applications course offered students the option to earn their MOS certifications in Word and Excel Core as part of the class. The course curriculum is built around the core objectives and there is no cost to the student taking the test. The benefits to earning the certifications are listed below:

Microsoft Office Specialist certification gives our students the tools to build a brighter future.

- Achieve industry-recognized certification
- Learn the computing skills companies are looking for
- Boost their workforce resume
- Differentiate them from other applicants
- Gain valuable experience and confidence
- Heighten their earning potential
- Prepare them for a successful future

Congratulations to 32 Students who earned their MOS certification in **Excel**.

Excel Certifications Earned - Abigail Myroth, Aiden Ehrlich, Andrew Bieber, Audrey Pigott, Ben Cooper, Brock Anderson, Caden Smyth, Cierra Driggers, Cloe Scarpetta, Ella Jensen, Ellie Bequette, Emma Clark, Isabella Hornbostel, Izabella Homewood, Jackson Schroeder, Jesse Puckett, Jordan Johnston, Kurtis Smith, Logan Johnson, Logan Gensler, Maggie Peterson, Matthew Matuska, Nicholas Washburn, Noah Blythe, Sean Patel, Sophia Moran, Sophia Mule, Taylor Harris, Teagan Kenney, Vito Skominas, William Hardwick, and Zachary Collins. A special **Congratulations to Audrey Pigott** who earned Hononegah's first perfect score on the Excel Microsoft Office Specialist Certification.



HONONEGAH PRIDE

Staff members may recognize students for Citizenship, Scholarship, and Leadership!

Collin Alexander
Alivia Anderson
Alyssa Anderson
Karlie Anderson
Kaylin Baker
Kennedy Beall
Elizabeth Blum
Katherine Breiten
Nick Bruno
Elizabeth Carmona
Devlin Champion
Benjamin Clements-Jewery
Allison Coldwater
Aodhan Cosgrove
Evan Crouch
Connor Demiel
Olivia Dencker
Ciera Drigglers
Jonathan Duarte
Myah Dufoe
Caden Dull
Jackson Easton
Jack Eck
Cassidy Eddy
Ashley Edwards
Aiden Ehrlich
Kylee Evans
Payton Fearn-Schoville
Estin Fichter
Magen Franklin
Carter Freedlund
Jacqui Flury
Emili Galli
Sofia Garcia
Chance Gauthier
Mekenna Gibson
Nolan Gibson
Kaylee Goldhagen
Carmella Gomez
Bryce Goodwine
Joey Grover
Cheyanne Gratz
Alexander Gray
Katelonne Hammonds

Delaney Harris
Payton Harris
Olivia Heidel
Alise Heinrich
Shawn Hoglund
Ella Holmstrom
Samantha Hopkins
Molly Hughes
Iniya Ilankovan
Amiah Jackson
Abby Jacobs
Lucia Jahn
Katie Jones
Rebecca Jordan
Bryce Journey
Camryn King
Chris Kisting
Isabella Korsh
Emma Krenz
Kadin Lamb
Brayden Lane
Amanda Lawrence
Isabella Lazansky
Oriana Leon
Elle Loch
Jesse Longstreet
Alyssa Luepkes
Anthony Mazzola
Jerome McKernan
Hailey McKimney
Iyanna McMahan
Lucas Meiborg
Jonathan Meichtry
Morgan Metcalf
Sydney Molander
Rykin Montoya
Rebecca Munyon
Katie Nelson
Peyton Nicosia
Anyae Nixon
Jazlyn Oberg
Octoberjay Ols
Braeden Parker
Miles Peavy

Payton Phares
Gunnar Piccione
Aundre Pilgrim
Jesse Puckett
Aiden Ramsey
Colin Reese
Caleigh Rice
Ashlyn Richter
Donavon Rodriguez
Sara Salinas
Jayson Saunders
Austin Schaffer
Emma Schroeder
Lilianna Schultz
Drew Scott
Nathan Shapiro
Hope Sill
Teagan Simenson
Tara Smith
Cameron Snudden
Jackson Spors
Mason Stahl
Jake Stevens
Gabriella Stormont
Lilliana Stormont
Josh Stubbs
John Taylor
Aline Terrell
Preston Thomas
Spencer Thoren
Bri Trevino
Aiden Van Fleet
Megan Vandergrift
Jocelyn Vertiz
Julia Vyborny
Cole Warren
Jackson Washington
Wesley Waugh
Ryan Welte
Ethan Wilson
Kira Wilson
Dom Yalden
Karolyn Zuniga

Thank you to the staff members who recognized these students!

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Athletic Office	815-624-5047
Bursar	815-624-5001
Discipline & Attendance Office	815-624-5020
District Office	815-624-5010
Food Service Director	815-624-5024
Nurse's Office	815-624-5002
Principal's Office	815-624-5005
Records Office	815-624-5068
Student Support Services	815-624-5012



Hononegah App...this can be downloaded from Google Play or iTunes



Twitter...@Hononegah



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Our Website...www.hononegah.org



Instagram...#Hononegahindians



HONONEGAH COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #207

2021-2022 School Calendar

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Aug 8, 9, 10	New Teacher Workshop
Aug 12	Teacher Institute Day - No Attendance
Aug 13	First Day - FRESHMAN ONLY
Aug 16	First Day - All Students
Aug 25	Late Start
Aug (TBD)	Back to School Night
Sept 6	Labor Day—No School
Sept 14	First Nine Weeks Mid-Term
Sept 15	Late Start
Oct 7	Parent-Teacher Conferences, 12pm-8pm
Oct 8	SIP Day - No Student Attendance
Oct 11	Indigenous Peoples' Day—No School
Oct 15	End of First Nine Weeks (43 days)
Oct 20	Late Start
Nov 15	Second Nine Weeks Mid-Term
Nov 17	Late Start
Nov 24-28	Thanksgiving—No School
Dec 15-17	Semester Exams
Dec 17	End of Second Nine Weeks (42 days)
Dec 17	End of First Semester (85 days)
Dec 20-31	Winter Break—No School
Jan 3	School Resumes
Jan 14	SIP Day - No Student Attendance
Jan 17	Martin Luther King Day—No School
Feb 4	Third Nine Weeks Mid-Term
Feb 16	Late Start
Feb 25	Emergency Day
Mar 4	Emergency Day
Mar 7	Casimir Pulaski HOLIDAY / Emergency Day
Mar 11	End of Third Nine Weeks (45 days)
Mar 16	Late Start
Mar 21-25	Spring Break—No School
Apr 13	SAT/PSAT Testing
Apr 14	SAT/PSAT Testing
Apr 15	Friday before Easter—No School
Apr 18	Emergency Day
Apr 20	Late Start
Apr 22	Fourth Nine Weeks Mid-Term
May 13	Senior Last Day
May 23-25	Semester Exams
May 25	End of Second Semester (90 days)
May 25	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
May 26	Teacher Institute Day - No Attendance
May 27	Emergency Day
May 28	Graduation
May 30	Memorial Day—No School

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 SIP / Institute Day
 Late Start

 Not in Attendance / Holiday
 Parent Teacher Conferences

 Emergency Day

9/29/21 update - Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day

HONONEGAH HOPE FOUNDATION

We are excited to review the grant applications
that teachers turned in January 21.

Hononegah
Opportunities for
Public
Education

H.O.P.E.
FOUNDATION

MISSION

To provide a means
to enhance educational
opportunities in
Hononegah Community
High School District 207