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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

As we complete the third grading period and move into the final ten weeks of this school year, much of our attention is directed toward the standardized tests mandated by the Illinois State Board of Education and Chicago Public Schools. Whether ACT, PSAE, EXPLORE, PLAN, ITBS or ISAT, standardized testing is truly a high-stakes game, with the academic status of our school being contingent upon the way our students perform.

We must give our students the opportunity to develop the savvy necessary to do well on these important tests. To this end, we have established a special sophomore test schedule to coincide with the administration of the Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE).

All 11th grade students in public schools across the state of Illinois will take the **PSAE on Wednesday, April 26 & Thursday, April 27**. On the **first day, only juniors** at Harlan CAHS will be in attendance. However, on the **second day, Harlan 7th, 8th, and seniors will take field trips to exciting locations.**

Attendance on these two days is very important. The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) requires all high schools to have **at least 95%** of its junior in **attendance** for this mandatory exam.

Make sure your student gets to bed at an hour that will ensure enough sleep to perform well on the exam and to arrive at school by **7:30 a.m.** Breakfast will be provided for all students.

As you peruse this edition of our newsletter, take note of all the information we provide for you concerning the schedule on these two days of testing. Please support your teen with encouragement, address their physical needs and help us to instill in them an attitude of excellence and confidence as they prepare for these important activities.

The correlation between parent involvement and increased student achievement is clear. That is why we continue to seek a higher level of parent involvement this school year; parents have a pivotal role to play. Our commitment to building a strong home-school partnership and a community of life-long learners is most important as we develop a culture of excellence in our school.

Establishing Harlan's Black Star Parent University is a significant step in this process. The classes are informative, interesting and interactive. Parents who have attended have given very positive comments. Mark your calendar and plan to attend the next class, "Keeping Your Child Safe from Gangs, Drugs, and Other Destructive Forces," on April 27 at 6:00 p.m.

As always, we solicit the support of our parents, community members and friends as we go forward. The *Harlan Renaissance* continues!



Dr. Gertrude J. Hill
Harlan Community Academy HS Principal



HCAHS
WEBSITE

Did you know that Harlan Community Academy High School has a website? Click on www.harlanacademy.com to view the latest information.

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National Aeronautics
and Space Administration

NASA Explorer Program

For more information regarding the NASA Explorer Program, visit:

<http://explorerschools.nasa.gov>

The Glass Slipper Project

Do you know of any young women who are juniors or senior and would like to attend the prom but need some assistance in obtaining a dress? For the 8th year the Chicago Public Schools is assisting **The Glass Slipper Project**, an organization that provides **free** prom dresses and accessories to junior and senior girls. The Glass Slipper Project does not require proof of financial need.

The Glass Slipper Project will be holding three boutique giveaways on consecutive Saturdays (see below) at which young women can shop for prom dresses, shoes, accessories and cosmetics. Volunteer "personal shoppers" will be on hand to help the students. Students will be treated with the utmost respect and every step will be taken to make the experience fun and positive.

Please review the dates, times, place and rules for each of the boutiques, and help us spread the word. Donations of new and "gently used" dresses are pouring in and The Glass Slipper Project wants to make sure the students are there to take advantage of them.

The Glass Slipper Project

Dates: April 22, April 29, and May 6

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Place: Sojourner Truth School
1409 N. Ogden
Chicago, IL 60610

RULES: THE GLASS SLIPPER PROJECT WILL ADHERE STRICTLY TO THESE RULES!

- Only the first 600 girls who arrive at each boutique will be granted admission.
- Students **MUST** be juniors or seniors currently enrolled in a high school.
- Students **MUST** be physically present at the boutiques in order to receive a dress (parents, friends and teachers may **not** shop for them).
- Students **MUST** bring their school IDs or a letter from their principal on school stationery or they will not be permitted to participate.
- Students are encouraged to bring a relative or guardian who will be permitted to shop with them. Other family members may wait for the student in the waiting area.
- Students with small children will need to bring someone to watch them. Babysitting services are not provided.
- Students will be allowed to receive **ONE** dress, plus related accessories and makeup, if available.

If you need more information, please visit www.glassslipperproject.org or the Glass Slipper Project Hotline at (312) 409-4139.

SUSPENSION? FIRST OFFENSE? EXPULSION?

Has your child been in trouble at school?

Do you wish you knew more about the rules for behavior in the Chicago Public Schools?

Come to a workshop for PARENTS on the Uniform Discipline Code!

On the South Side:

Tuesday, April 25 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Parker Elementary School @ 6800 S. Stewart

Co-Hosted by POWER-PAC, the Chicago Public Schools Law Department, Austin Wide Parent Network, Southwest Women Action Team, West Town Leadership United and COFI.

For more information or to request childcare at any of the meetings, please contact POWER-PAC at COFI at (312) 226-5141, 954 W. Washington Blvd, 4th Floor, Chicago, IL 60607.



HCAHS Academic Calendar

May 2006

May 2006							June 2006						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30	

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
May 1 8:00am 12:00pm AP English Language Test	2 12:00pm 3:30pm AP Stats Test	3 8:00am 12:00pm Early Dismissal/Special Schedule	4 8:00am 12:00pm AP English Literature Test	5 8:00am 12:00pm AP U.S. History Test	6
8 8:00am 12:00pm AP Gov't/Politics Test	9 8:00am 12:00pm AP Environmental Science Test	10	11	12 9:00am 1:00pm NCLB Parent Conference @ HCAHS	13
15 4:00pm 6:00pm CPS Capital Hearing Meeting @ HCAHS (Auditorium)	16 8:00am 3:00pm Schoolwide Persuasive Writing Exam	17	18 6:30pm 8:00pm LSC Meeting	19 Senior Prom @ Hyatt Regency Riverwalk	20 10:00am 2:00pm CPS Job Fair @ Navy Pier
22	23	24 Alumni Career Day Black Star Motivational Day CPS School Board Meeting Student Development Day	25 8:00am 12:00pm Early Dismissal/Special Schedule 6:00pm 8:00pm NCLB Meeting @ HCAHS	26 10:30am 2:30pm Senior Luncheon @ Odyssey Cruises	27
29 Memorial Day NO SCHOOL	30	31			28

With Honors

The following Harlan Community Academy High School students earned the distinction of Principal's List during the second quarter of the school year. Principal's List honorees earned a 3.5 to 4.0 GPA. Students who earned perfect attendance during the second quarter of the school year are listed, as well.

Seniors

601
Jeremy Butler, Javette May, Anastasia Monroe,
Crystal Williams

602
Deron Brize, Erica Collins

603
Meesha Love

604
Valerie Isaac, Porche Noble, Ciera Tabb

605
Natasha Booth, Julius Marshall, Anna
Scrutchions

606
Akosua Fianko, Lamonte Lake

607
Sterling McKinley

608
Michelle Gillard, Ariell Motley

Juniors

701
Britani Ainsworth, Courtney Hackler, Kyle Hollis,
Brittani Riley, Loreal Robertson

702
Martina Ford, Jasmine Mathews

704
Isaiah Billups

705
Jessica haynes, Jatoyia Jackson, Karl Jackson,
Samuel Johnson, Christopher Swann

706
Ronnie Chester, Fred McGee, Setrennia Readus

707
Jennifer Gant, Patrick Stone, Whitney Thompson

Sophomores

801
Nunera Amun, Dana Leatherwood, Ayadeji
Odunsi, Kiara Singleton, Alan Webster

802
Austin Cole, Ashely Crawford, Dominique
Ingram, Kimberly Johnson, Ashley Peacock, Ariel
Thomas

803
Britney Reid, Deja Robinson

805
Brandon Randolph, Garrison Rogers

806
Blair Rupert, Kirshella Sanders, Cassey
Thompson

807
Ashton Irwin

810
Jeffery Barnes

811
Anjuan Kirksey, Don Williams

812
Antwan Watson, Breanna Young

Freshmen

901
Ahjani dancy, Brandon McNamera, Rasaan
Williams

902
Arica Jackson, Dion Logan, Audriana Logan,
Shaina Simpson

903
Crystal jones, Aerial Nixon

904
Pauline Lake, Jordan Shipp

905
Kimyada Robinson

910
Michael Boakye, Passhun Sain

914
Heidi Roberts, Cassie Williams

915
Gavin Billups

916
Felice Kimbrew, Jasmine Singleton
917: Marquita Nichols, Kristina Webb

Perfect Attendance

601
Jeremy Butler

604
Cierra Tabb

605
Eric Ainsworth

606
Akosua Fianko

703
Ron Jordan

704
Juluster Bobo

705
Samuel Johnson, Renee Milton

708
Valerie Morris

709
Shane Simpson

710
Brian Ambrose

802
Lawrence Hall, Anthony Jefferson

803
Ashley McCarthy

804
Timothy Pickett, Joseph Swansey,
Monique Wareham

806
Jessica Bullard, Blair Rupert

810
Nicole Greer

812
Keyanna Harris, Angelica Reeves

902
George DeBerry, Dion Johnson, Jocelyn Williams

903
Everet Burnett, Keontay Moore

905
Almedia Exum

909
Camille Byrd, Keenen Jackson, Tiara Nathaniel

911
Raymon Porter

912
Jenise Williams

913
Mark Anum, Demario Jones, Mariah Kamoah

914
Candice Goolsby

915
Kayla Reed

916
Junies Caldwell, Tamoi Taylor

917
Leah Claiborne, Shawndel Grandberry, Taniesha
Miles

Junior serves as People to People ambassador

Cindy Milton

Harlan Renaissance Staff Member

What is an ambassador? It's a diplomatic official heading his or her country's permanent mission to certain international organizations, such as the United Nations.

A junior by the name of Christopher Swann is involved in a program that's called People to People Student Ambassador program and he is involved with being an ambassador for the United States.

Swann said someone recommended him for the program and the program sent a letter inviting him to an orientation meeting.

The people that are over the program are president Dwight Eisenhower's granddaughter as the honorary chairman.

Christopher Swann said this program will help him understand different cultures so he can communicate better with people that are different from him.

The program is about different cultures coming together to understand one another clearly.

President Dwight Eisenhower had a vision that if people could communicate with people different from them without silly politics, then the world could be a better place.

The program consists of student ambassadors going over seas to different countries and learning about them.

There are many students that sign up and go through the interview process, but only 40 students get accepted into each category.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

www.studentambassadors.org/



Searching, searching, searching...

Senior Jennifer Green searches various websites for college applications. Green and her peers have been using the Post Secondary Education resources this year to narrow college choices and apply for financial aid.

BPA announces award winners, after school programs

Ms. Beverly Hadley

HCAHS Faculty Member

On March 14, Business Professionals of America members received acknowledgement for being participants in the citywide contest held earlier with about 20 different high schools at Robert Morris College.

Akosua Fianko (Parliamentarian) and Kellie Robeson (Vice-President) participated in the Advanced Word Processing Contest. Deron Brize competed in the Spreadsheet Contest, where he placed fifth citywide. Teacher Forestine McKinney oversaw this BPA project and presented Brize with the special award since he did not attend the awards luncheon.

It seemed to come true that After School Matters really matters when Aerial Nixon from Tech 37 was awarded tickets to see Chris Brown by being the winner of the Photoshop/Web Designing Question and Answer Contest. It was something like a Spelling Bee where the member remaining standing at the end of the rounds by answering the highest numbers of questions.

"When I met Chris Brown, it was a wonderful experience for my first time at a concert, but to meet him and go the concert took hard work and determination. I went home and really spent a lot of time studying, because I wanted to meet Chris and not let this opportunity pass me by. I was very elated to get to the final round, and even more so to be the winner," Nixon said after meeting Brown.

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