

HARDIN VALLEY ACADEMY

Freshman Academy Family Newsletter

DECEMBER-FEBRUARY 2023

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FRESHMAN ACADEMY

ACADEMY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Thank you for joining in for the fourth installment of our Freshman Academy Family Newsletter. The spring semester has been an exciting one for our freshmen students. In late January, students participated in the 865 Academies Pathway Recruitment Fair. During this event, students had the opportunity to engage in dialogue with upper-house students to learn more about pathway courses of study. Many students reported the event either helped solidify their thoughts on pathway choices or helped them realize that another pathway was better aligned with their interests and aptitudes. Regardless—this event proved to be a success for our students.

In February, students completed the pathway selection process by submitting letters of intent to Dr. Speas. This process culminated in the Pathway Reveal Party in which pathways and upper-house academies were revealed to students. During this event, students enjoyed time socializing with peers and competing in games against other academies. Students also gathered with friends for celebratory photos which can be viewed on HVA's social media platforms.

This past week, students participated in upper-house academy meetings. During these meetings, students had the opportunity to meet their upper house principal, counselor, and dean; learn more about opportunities for engagement within their specific upper-house academies; and hear from current upper-house academy students regarding their experiences in their respective academies.

While several months still remain in this school year, our freshmen students have successfully worked their way through the transition process from middle to high school in addition to taking the next step toward their pathway that will lead them to graduation and beyond. The Freshman Academy Team is immensely proud of their success. If you have questions, comments, or concerns regarding your student's success this year, please reach out. The final Freshman Academy Family Newsletter will be shared in May. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

-Mrs. Jennifer Vacek
Freshman Academy Principal

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FRESHMEN STATS:

DECEMBER

61%

Attendance
Rate*

77%

Passing All
Classes

JANUARY

74%

Attendance
Rate*

76%

Passing All
Classes

FEBRUARY

45%

Attendance
Rate*

74%

Passing All
Classes

*Percentage of Freshman students who have been present at school every school day in December, January, and February, respectively

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, March 7, 2023: Freshman Adulting 101 Program (KCS ACT Day)
- Monday, March 13, 2023-Friday, March 17, 2023: Spring Break
- Wednesday, March 22, 2023: Early Release Day
- Friday, April 7, 2023: Holiday
- Monday, April 10, 2023: In-Service Day (Student Holiday)

IMPORTANT NEED-TO-KNOWS

Support for Student Success

Over the past several weeks, we have seen an increase in the number of students arriving late to class, cutting class, and using cell phones during instructional time. We ask for your support in talking to your students about the importance of attending and arriving to class on time as well as engaging in learning. Thank you for the support.

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STUDENT SHOUTOUTS

Congratulations to the following freshmen students for receiving shoutouts during the months of December, January, and February. These students were selected by classroom teachers for their positive contributions to our Freshman Academy student body.

- Lyra Beaudoin
- Olivia D'Cruz
- Nathan Emard
- Charlie Flory
- Matthew Greenwood
- Aditi Gupta
- Hayden Hall
- Zainab Hasan
- Nathaly Huang
- Trinity Kargbo
- Kenneth Lane
- Caleb Lewis
- Kendall Louis
- Kassidy McAlmond
- Marley Molchan
- Julia Mueller
- Minh Nguyen
- Tiffany Phan
- Houston Rogers
- Martiza Sanchez
- Phashaun Sanders
- Killian Sitton
- Anthony Soliz Yoc
- Jacey Thomas
- Andrea Torres
- Jeremy Walker

