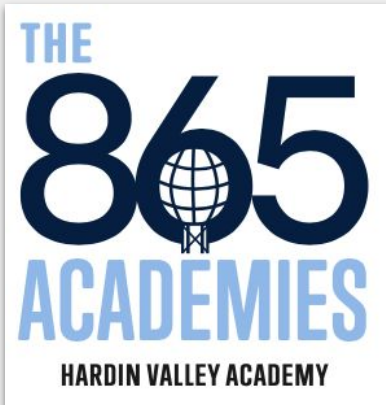


# CLASS OF 2027

Welcome, Hardin Valley Families & Students!





# WELCOME TO THE FRESHMAN ACADEMY!

Mrs. Jennifer Vacek, Freshman Academy Principal



# Communication & Connection

Jennifer Vacek, Freshman Academy Principal

- ❑ Contact & Communication
  - ❑ ParentSquare & Email
  - ❑ HVA Freshman Academy Webpage on HVA's Website (in the works)
  - ❑ HVA Staff Directory for staff email
  - ❑ Quarterly Freshman Academy Family Newsletter

# Freshman Parent Meeting Agenda

Jennifer Vacek, Freshman Academy Principal

- ❑ The Freshman Academy Experience
- ❑ The HVA Way
- ❑ The 865 Ready Graduate
- ❑ Upcoming Events
- ❑ Questions or Concerns
- ❑ College & Career Pathway, Clubs & Organization, & Athletic Fair



# The HVA Freshman Academy Experience

Jennifer Vacek, Freshman Academy Principal

- ❑ Our Academy Purpose: As the HVA Freshman Academy team, our purpose is to guide and care for the social, emotional, and academic needs of our students by working together and with our stakeholders to support freshmen in their transition to high school and in the development of skills essential for success in high school and life beyond the classroom.

# The Freshman Academy Experience

Jennifer Vacek, Freshman Academy Principal

- ❑ The Freshman Year Dynamics:
  - ❑ New Independence
  - ❑ Social Dynamics
  - ❑ Academic Rigor
  - ❑ The Unknown
- ❑ Student Supports:
  - ❑ Dedicated Team of Academy-Specific Educators
  - ❑ Clear, Consistent, Academy-Wide Structures & Expectations
  - ❑ Incentives
  - ❑ Freshman Seminar Community
  - ❑ Study Hall & Tutoring
  - ❑ School Counseling
  - ❑ Clubs & Activities

# The Freshman Academy Experience

Jennifer Vacek, Freshman Academy Principal

- ❑ What can you do to support your freshman?
  - ❑ Ensure they attend school every day and arrive on time every day.
  - ❑ Encourage them to find their community through extracurricular activities.
  - ❑ Ask them about their classes. Review Aspen together.
  - ❑ Support them in advocating for themselves.
  - ❑ Support them in understanding the value of sleep.
  - ❑ Ask them about their friends and relationships.
  - ❑ Monitor their social media accounts.
  - ❑ Reach out when you have questions, concerns, and/or feedback.

# The Freshman Academy Experience

Jen Galloway, Freshman Academy Dean

- ❑ Freshman Year Logistics:
  - ❑ H/V Schedule
    - ❑ H & V Day alternate every school day for the duration of the school year. H & V Days are set at the beginning of the year and will not change (even in the event of a snow day, for example).
  - ❑ Lockers
    - ❑ Students may request a locker in the Student Affairs office. Students must provide their own lock.
  - ❑ Freshman Seminar
  - ❑ Study Hall



# The Freshman Academy Experience

Jen Beckler & Sam Burkhalter, Freshman Academy School Counselors

- ❑ Two Dedicated School Counselors:
  - ❑ Jen Beckler (Last Names A-K)
  - ❑ Sam Burkhalter (Last Names L-Z)
- ❑ Grading Scale, Credits, & Graduation Requirements
  - ❑ Students must earn a minimum of 22 credits for graduation.
  - ❑ A 90-100
  - ❑ B 80-89
  - ❑ C 70-79
  - ❑ D 60-69
  - ❑ F 0-59
- ❑ Late Arrivals to School & Early Dismissal from School
  - ❑ Late Arrivals: Students must check into Main Office.
  - ❑ Early Dismissal: Students must check out in Student Affairs.
- ❑ Absences from School



# WELCOME TO HVA!

Mitchell Cox, Executive Principal



# The HVA Way

Mitchell Cox, Executive Principal

- ❑ School Mission: The mission of Hardin Valley Academy is to provide a rigorous learning environment housed within small learning communities which foster social responsibility and academic excellence for ALL students by:
  - ❑ Creating a culture of care
  - ❑ Pressing academics
- ❑ Schools Goals:
  - ❑ Be here.
  - ❑ Be engaged.
  - ❑ Be connected.



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR HVA FOUNDATION

-Kevin Crateau-





# A MESSAGE FROM HVAAC

-Paul Rome-



# The 865 Ready Graduate

Ashli Beeler, 865 Academy Coach

## BECOME 865READY!

- ❑ Why this focus on “865 Academies”?
- ❑ Who is at the table?
- ❑ What does it mean for our students?



# The 865 Ready Graduate

Ashli Beeler, 865 Academy Coach

**BECOME 865READY!**

Because Knox County Schools and the greater Knox County community believe that every student deserves access to equitable resources, meaningful relationships, and opportunities that prepare them for a successful future, we – as a community and as a district – have chosen to invest our time, talent, and resources in The 865 Academies.

**LIFELONG LEARNER**

- Demonstrates mastery of academic skills
- Self-motivated to learn and acquire knowledge
- Explores personal interests and abilities
- Exhibits tenacity and strong work ethic

**EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR**

- Articulates thoughts and ideas clearly in verbal, written, visual and digital forms
- Models professionalism and proper communication etiquette
- Practices active listening skills

**COLLABORATIVE TEAMMATE**

- Works effectively in teams
- Gives and receives feedback
- Fosters a sense of shared responsibility
- Displays flexibility and willingness to adapt

**CREATIVE PROBLEM SOLVER**

- Analyzes information critically and with competency
- Uses creativity to develop innovative solutions
- Nurtures curiosity and asks questions

**COMMUNITY-MINDED CITIZEN**

- Exemplifies cultural awareness and responsiveness
- Acts with integrity and empathy
- Values relationships and makes connections
- Engages in service activities

**QR CODE**

**SCHOOLS**

Austin-East Magnet High School • Bearden High School  
Central High School • Farragut High School • Fulton High School  
Hardin Valley Academy • LAN STEM Academy • Karna High School

**KCS KNOX COUNTY SCHOOLS**  
**THE 865 ACADEMIES**  
#knoxcountyschoolsacademies

- Lifelong Learner
- Effective Communicator
- Collaborative Teammate
- Creative Problem Solver
- Community-Minded Citizen

.....Enlist, Enroll, or Employ

# The 865 Ready Graduate

Ashli Beeler, 865 Academy Coach

## Freshman Academy Timeline of 865 Events:

- ❑ Commitment to Graduate - August 2023
- ❑ Youscience Exploration - September/October 2023
- ❑ Pathway Recruitment Fair - January 2024
- ❑ Pathway Selection - February 2024
- ❑ Pathway Reveal Celebration - February 2024
- ❑ Registration - February 2024
- ❑ Post-Secondary Campus Visits - February through April 2024
- ❑ Digital Portfolio



# Peyton Jones

## *HVA Class of 2023 Graduate*

- Bowdoin College: Class of 2027
- HVA HOSA President
- Career Path: Medical Research
- CNA Certification: April 2023



# Upcoming Events

Jen Galloway, Freshman Academy Dean

- ❑ Freshman Orientation: Friday, August 4 from 8:30-12:00 at HVA
- ❑ First Day of School: Tuesday, August 8 from 8:30-12:00
- ❑ First Full Day of School: Wednesday, August 9 from 8:30-3:30
- ❑ Open House: Tuesday, September 5 from 5:00-7:00

# Questions or Concerns?

Jen Galloway, Freshman Academy Dean

- ❑ Academics: Start with the teacher.
- ❑ General Questions: Refer to school website.
- ❑ Social Concern: Start with the Academy Counselors.
- ❑ Policy Concern: Start with the Academy Principal.



# THANK YOU!

Thank you for investing in the education & well-being of your student. We're excited to partner with you to best support your student this year. Please join us in the Atrium for our College & Career Pathway, Clubs & Organization, & Athletic Fair.

