

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Summer and Back-to-School Information for 2022-2023

VALLEYPALOOZA: Join us for Hardin Valley Academy's ninth **Valleypalooza** on Wednesday, August 3. Students will have the opportunity to come to school to purchase parking passes (see Parking Permit section) and yearbooks, have pictures taken and join clubs. Additionally, if your child ordered a Flight Yearbook last year, he/she will be able to pick it up at Valleypalooza. Students must be in dress code attire for pictures. Valleypalooza will be open to each class during the times listed below. Attention incoming freshmen and parents: you and your parents are invited to the auditorium for a meeting with Dr. Speas, Mrs. Beckler, and Mr. Wise. Mark your calendars now!

Seniors:	3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Juniors:	4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sophomores:	5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Freshmen:	6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Freshmen Parent Mtg	6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS: All students have required assignments to complete during the summer for their English class. Additionally, other classes may require assignments. Information on all summer assignments is posted on the school website. Please check the website for these assignments.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: HVA office and counseling office personnel will be available Wednesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to answer questions and address concerns. However, on Wednesday, July 6, the counseling office will be closed. Please see the Counseling Office Notes that accompany this letter for information concerning your counselor's summer office hours.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS: Payment for missing or damaged books and other financial obligations are made by using Cash Online through June 27. Proof of payment is needed for seniors to receive their diplomas and for students to purchase parking passes at Valleypalooza.

SENIOR PORTRAITS: Every senior should have his/her portrait made this summer by Bob McEachern Photographers, HVA's official school photographer. Senior portraits will be taken on June 1 and July 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Make-ups will be on September 12, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. You should receive additional information in the mail. Please contact McEachern Photographers at 1-800-255-1649 with all concerns. To be included in the yearbook, seniors must have their portrait made by McEachern's.

UNDERCLASSMEN PORTRAITS: All underclassmen portraits will be taken at Valleypalooza on Wednesday, August 3 beginning with student athletes and band members at 2:00 p.m. Make-ups will be September 20, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Students must be in dress code attire for pictures. McEachern Photographers will mail ordering information. To be included in the yearbook, students must have their portrait taken by McEachern's.

GRADE CONCERN: Please complete this form online if you feel there is an error in calculation or an extenuating circumstance that needs to be considered regarding your final grade. Since teachers are not always available during the summer months, please allow him/her time to review your grade in August. The teacher makes the final decision for any grade change.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScOOEe73rkUhV684BjWGafjLOXMeBEiBqmzg0B1dk_ToWSQDQ/viewform

DRIVER LICENSE and PERMIT FORMS: SF1010 forms will be available in the main office every Wednesday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Students cannot get a learner's permit or driver's license without this form.

FRESHMAN DAY: Freshman Orientation will be on Thursday, August 4, from 8:30 to 12:00. More information will be sent to you this summer.

NEW STUDENTS GRADES 10-12: Students new to HVA are invited to an orientation on August 4, at 1:00 p.m.

SCHOOL CALENDAR: The 2022-2023 school year begins with a half day for all students on Monday, August 8, 2022. The semester ends with a half day on Wednesday, December 21. The second semester begins on Monday, January 9, 2023. The school year ends with a half day on Wednesday, May 24. **Please do not schedule any family vacations before May 24. We will no longer schedule early exams.**

EARLY RELEASE DAYS: The Board of Education approved six early-release days for students in the 2022-23 school year. Students in grades 6-12 will be released at 1:30 p.m. The early release dates for the 2022-23 school year are August 17, September 21, November 16, January 25, February 15 and March 22.

PARKING PERMITS: Parking permits for the 2022-2023 school year will go on sale at Valleypalooza on Wednesday, August 3. **Students will need to pick up a 2022-2023 parking permit application from the HVA office prior to August 3 or print one from our website. The application requires a parent signature, proof of insurance, and a valid driver's license. Students will not be allowed to purchase a parking permit until all financial obligations are paid.** Seniors and students who are taking a 7:00 a.m. class may purchase their permits between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Juniors may purchase their permits between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Sophomores will not be able to park on campus until November unless they are taking a 7:00 a.m. class. We will only have 464 spaces available until November. At that time, we will reopen parking permit sales. Juniors who did not get an early permit will have first choice. If there are any spaces remaining, we will open up to sophomores. The cost of a parking permit for HVA is \$50.00.

DRESS CODE: Currently, Hardin Valley Academy students are not required to wear school uniforms. Historically, however, dress code policies have not been consistently followed. In order to maintain our current dress code, it is imperative that student attire meet the Knox County guidelines. Please review the dress code that is found in the Student Handbook on our website before making purchases for "back-to-school." Knox County guidelines require all dresses, skirts, and shorts to be mid-thigh length. The major infractions are:

Shorts and skirts that are too short on girls	Baggy, sagging pants on boys
Pajama bottoms and/or house shoes	Sleeveless tops and low cut tops (there is no 3-finger rule)
Visible backs and abdomens	Offensive items

Students will be asked to change their clothes if they violate the dress code. They will remain in the Restorative Learning Center until clothes are available.

YEARBOOK PICK-UP: Yearbooks will be distributed at Valleypalooza on August 3. We distribute yearbooks in the summer so that the entire school year (including prom, spring sports, and graduation) can be included.

BUS INFORMATION: The Knox County Schools' website has information on bus routes. Information will be updated by Thursday, August 4, for the upcoming school year.

SCHOOL MESSENGER: School Messenger allows you to personalize how you receive communications from HVA and the district. This is the only way you will receive emails and phone calls about important school information, including weather and safety alerts. Sign up for School Messenger under the Families tab on the Knox County Schools website. *Knox County Schools will be implementing a new service sometime during the 2022-23 school year. Please watch for additional information on the new system.*

SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS: HVA is fortunate to have three strong support organizations: PTSA, the Hardin Valley Academy Athletic Council (HVAAC), and Foundation. Information about these organizations may be found on our website under the "Families" tab. The Hardin Valley Academy Foundation's website is www.hardinvalleyacademyfoundation.org.

Connect with PTSA Facebook: <https://m.facebook.com/hardinvalleyacademyptsa/>
Twitter: https://twitter.com/hva_ptsa
Instagram: @hvapta

REMININD NOTIFICATIONS: Get Information for Hardin Valley Academy right on your phone. If you have a smartphone, get push notifications. On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link: rmd.at/a4e9c7. Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You will be prompted to download the mobile app. If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications. Text the message @a4e9c7 to 81010. You also may go to rmd.at/a4e9c7 on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

Counseling Office Notes

SCHOOL COUNSELOR AVAILABILITY: Your child's counselor will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the following dates. If you have a schedule concern, please email your counselor to set up a time to meet on these dates.

Academy and Counselor

STEM: Ms. Sanford—6/15, 6/29
Health Science: Ms. Quick —6/15, 7/20
Liberal Arts: Ms. Long—6/8, 6/15
Business and Law: Ms. Smith 6/8, 7/13
Freshmen: Ms. Beckler—6/22, 7/20

Email addresses

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carmen.long@knoxschools.org
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If you need to address something with your child's counselor and are not able to meet with her on the above date, **please correspond by email**. While counselors are not on contract, they will do their best to get back to you in a timely manner. Please be patient. They **will** respond to you by August 5, 2022.

TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS:

Class of 2022: Beginning June 3, transcripts will be processed on Wednesdays through your SCOIR account. SCOIR is a free service. After August 2, you are considered alumni of HVA and your SCOIR account will be deactivated. In your SCOIR account, mark your college as ENROLLING (green rectangle under application status). After August 2, transcript requests will be completed through Parchment, and you will need to create an account and place your order. A link to Parchment is located on the school counseling website. There is a fee to use this service.

Underclassmen: If you need a transcript for any reason such as insurance discount, etc., you may print a copy from your ASPEN account. If an official transcript is needed, you can come into the counseling office on Wednesdays from 9 - 12 to make your request.

DISTRIBUTION OF CLASS SCHEDULES: Class schedules will be available in Aspen in late July. This date will be released by KCS.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: The online schedule concern form can be found on the HVA website beginning July 29. All schedule concerns should be submitted using this online process. Schedule change requests will not be accepted after August 12.

Reasons for schedule changes are as follows:

1. An academic class is needed for graduation
2. A class scheduled was made up in summer school or recovery credit
3. A pre-requisite was not met
4. A scheduling error occurred (Spanish I was requested but Spanish II was scheduled)
5. You are scheduled for fewer than 8 classes.

AP and Honors classes cannot be dropped without the consent of Dr. Speas. Failure to complete the summer reading or a summer assignment is not a consideration for dropping the course. A schedule change request does not guarantee that a change will be made. Please take care of schedule concerns this summer by meeting with or emailing your counselor. After July 29, please use the online schedule concern form for the most efficient form of correspondence. Schedule change requests will not be accepted after August 12.

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION: Information for new student registration may be found on the HVA website under I WANT TO ... Enroll a Student. All required documents must be submitted for the enrollment process to begin. There are couple of very important links listed as well.

Summer Reading Assignments/Projects

SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS: Students are expected to complete their reading and all other assignments prior to the first day of school, August 8, 2022. Any exceptions to this deadline will be noted in the project or assignment directions. All information concerning summer assignments is posted on the HVA website.

ENGLISH: All **English** classes require a summer assignment. The books selected for required reading for English classes have been approved by Knox County Schools and are listed below.

HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT: Advanced Placement assignments are available on the school website.

English Outside Reading Assignments for 2022-2023

The works denoted below with an asterisk may contain controversial content—language, violence, or mature situations. We encourage parents to collect as much information as possible about the novels if content may be a concern. Websites like <http://commonsensemedia.org> have synopses and are designed to help parents make appropriate decisions about what their child is ready to read. These synopses are posted on our website. Alternate titles are available for all of these works; parents must request these through the school office. Students in 10-12 CP English classes are required to read **two novels**. The first, a graphic novel, is mandatory. For their second novel, they may choose any of the three other novels listed for their grade level.

9 CP	<p>Read one realistic young adult book by one of the following authors: Jason Reynolds, Elizabeth Acevedo, Becky Albertalli, Adam Silvera, Nic Stone, Julie Murphy, Neal Shusterman, Matt de la Peña</p>
9 Honors	<p>Mandatory Reads: *<i>Circe</i> by Madeline Miller & *<i>How to Read Literature Like a Professor</i> – Thomas Foster Chapters 16 and 17 of <i>How to Read Literature Like a Professor</i> contain sensitive content but will not be discussed in class. Students may safely skip these chapters without fear of penalty.</p>
10 CP	<p>Mandatory Read: <i>American Born Chinese</i> – Gene Luen Yang Also, Choose One Among: <i>The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates</i> – Wes Moore *<i>Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe</i> – Benjamin Alire Sáenz *<i>Mosquitoland</i> – David Arnold</p>
10 Honors	<p>Mandatory Reads: *<i>Brave New World</i> – Aldous Huxley & <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> – Jane Austen</p>
11 CP	<p>Mandatory Read: <i>March: Book One</i> – John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell Also, Choose One Among: <i>I am Malala</i> – Malala Yousafzai <i>The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks</i> – E. Lockhart *<i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i> – Mark Twain</p>

12 CP	<p>Mandatory Read: <i>Steve Jobs: Insanely Great</i> – Jesse Hartland</p> <p>Also, Choose One Among: <i>The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II</i> – Denise Kiernan <i>The Adoration of Jenna Fox</i> – Mary E. Pearson <i>The Island of Dr. Moreau</i> – H. G. Wells</p>
11 AP Lang.	<p><i>Dolly Parton’s America</i> Podcast</p>
12 AP Lit	<p>Mandatory Reads: <i>The Great Gatsby</i>–E. Scott Fitzgerald <i>A Raisin in the Sun</i>–Lorraine Hansberry*</p>
AP Research	<p>Mandatory Read: <i>Think Like a Freak: The Authors of Freakonomics Offer to Retrain Your Brain</i>– Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner</p>
AP Seminar	<p>Mandatory Read: <i>Think Like a Freak: The Authors of Freakonomics Offer to Retrain Your Brain</i>– Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner</p>