

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!!
Summer and Back-to-School Information for 2019-2020

REPORT CARDS: Current report cards have been uploaded to the portal and will remain there until July 3, 2019. To check the grades, please look at marking period 8 (MP 8) for the most recent grades. Final grades are also posted on the transcript tab and will remain there permanently. If you cannot access your child's grades or if you need a copy and cannot print one, please come by HVA and we will be more than happy to print one for you.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS: We have many underclassmen who have forgotten to turn in textbooks, athletic uniforms, library books, or have library fines, lost textbook fines, and other financial obligations. We will be sending out an automated call to parents of students who have a financial obligation to the school. If you receive a call, please try to come by the school on a Wednesday morning this summer and take care of the obligation. Because it is summer, only cash or money orders will be accepted.

VALLEYPALOOZA: Join us for Hardin Valley Academy's seventh **Valleypalooza** on Thursday, July 25. Students will have the opportunity to come to school to purchase parking passes (see Parking Permit section) and yearbooks, pick up schedules, have pictures taken, pay senior fees, 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: from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., the TALONS will host a block party in the side yard to celebrate you. Come and enjoy the music and games. Food and HVA gear will be available to purchase. Make plans to join us. While you are meeting your fellow Hawks, your parents are invited to the auditorium for a meeting with Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Beckler, and Mrs. Graham. 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. with a block party from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Freshmen Parents	7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS: All students have required assignments to complete during the summer for their English class. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors have Academy assignments. Freshmen have Freshmen Academy assignments. Additionally, many honors and Advanced Placement classes will have assignments. Students received handouts in May outlining their projects and reading assignments. A listing of Summer Reading Assignments/Projects accompanies this letter (green paper). Information on all summer assignments is posted on the school website and is available in the school office. Classes that have summer assignments are:

All Academies	Freshmen Academy	All CP English	All Honors and AP English
Chem 2 Honors/AP Chem	AP US History	AP Literature	AP Language
AP Psychology	AP Physics 1 and 2	AP U S Government	AP Seminar/AP US Government
AP Calculus	AP Human Geography	AP European History	AP Art
AP Statistics	AP Spanish	AP French	AP Chinese
AP Microeconomics	AP Research		

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 3, the counseling office will be closed. Please see the Counseling Office Notes that accompany this letter for information concerning your child's counselor's summer office hours (green paper).

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 made in the school auditorium on July 12 and July 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The final opportunity for senior portraits will be on August 15, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the atrium. 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. If you cannot have your portrait made over the summer, you must have it made on August 15, the deadline for senior portraits.

UNDERCLASSMEN PORTRAITS: All underclassmen portraits will be taken in the auditorium at Valleypalooza on July 25, beginning with student athletes and band members at 2:00 p.m. Make-up days will be August 28, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and August 29, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the atrium. Students must be in dress code attire for pictures. Ordering information will be mailed from McEachern Photographers. To be included in the yearbook, portraits must be taken on one of these three days.

GRADE CONCERN: If you have a concern about a grade in a course on the report card, please come by the main office on Wednesday mornings and complete a grade concern form. Your concern will be addressed in August/September.

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 1, 2019, from 8:30 to 12:00. More information will be sent to you this summer. This is in addition to Valleypalooza.

SCHOOL CALENDAR: The 2019-2020 school year begins with a half day for all students on Monday, August 5, 2019. The semester ends on Friday, December 20. **Please do not schedule any family vacations before this date, as we must do everything possible to protect the integrity of our end-of-course exams.** The second semester begins on Tuesday, January 7, 2020, and ends on Thursday, May 21. **Again, please do not schedule any family vacations before May 21. We will no longer schedule early exams. Exams will have to be made up in the summer.**

PARKING PERMITS: Parking permits for the 2019-2020 school year will go on sale on Thursday, July 25, at Valleypalooza. **Students will need to pick up a 2019-2020 parking permit application from the HVA office prior to July 25 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 during the 1st semester can purchase their permits between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Juniors can 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 during the 1st semester. 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 \$45.00.

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 July 25. We distribute yearbooks in the summer so that the entire year (including prom, spring sports, and graduation) can be included. Students have already received their autograph pages, which adhere into the back of the yearbook. This allows students to get the best of both worlds: friends can sign autograph pages before school is out and the yearbook will include the entire year, not just the first seven months.

BUS INFORMATION: The Knox County Schools' website has information on bus routes. Information will be updated by Thursday, August 1, 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 For Families tab on the Knox County Schools website. If you have already opted in, you are good to go!

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 "For Families" tab. The Hardin Valley Academy Foundation's website is: www.hardinvalleyacademyfoundation.org. Email addresses for the PTSA and Foundation are: hvapsa@gmail.com and hvafoundation@gmail.com. You may sign up for the PTSA newsletter, the e-Talon, by emailing the PTSA and placing e-Talon in the subject line. The e-Talon is an excellent way to stay informed, but you must sign up!

HVA GOOD-BYES: Thank you to the following HVA staff who have served our community, but are now moving on: George Ashe, Peggy Jones, Robert Wright, Rick Collett, Deni Migun, Ellen Lawson, Val Elton, Becky Swann, Terry Disney, Cory Minzyk, Andrea Guy, and Wes Jones.

I hope that each and every one of you has an enjoyable and relaxing summer. I look forward to beginning year twelve with our 2019-2020 HVA Family!

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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 days if you have a schedule concern or a concern of another nature to discuss.

Academy and Counselor

STEM: Ms. Beeler—6/19, 7/10
Health Science: Ms. Quick —6/12, 7/17
Liberal Arts: Ms. Long—6/12, 7/17
Business, Law & Public Affairs: Ms. Troutman—6/5, 7/10
Freshmen: Ms. Beckler—6/5, 6/26
College and Career: Ms. Graham—6/19, 6/26

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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, 2019. **Corrected and adjusted schedules will be printed and distributed the first day of school.**

TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS:

From June 3, until the counseling department is back on contract July 22, ALL transcripts will be processed through Parchment.com. Requests will be processed one time per week on Wednesdays. If you do not have a Parchment account, you will need to follow the link on the School Counseling tab on the Hardin Valley Academy website to create an account and place your order. **All transcripts for current and previous students are processed online through Parchment.com.**

DISTRIBUTION OF CLASS SCHEDULES: Student schedules for the 2019-20 school year will be available at Valleypalooza on July 25. Please note that these schedules are subject to change prior to the start of school. All students will receive a finalized schedule on the 1st day of school.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: The online schedule concern form can be found on the HVA website beginning July 26. All schedule concerns should be submitted using this online process.

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 three or fewer classes in the **first** semester.
6. An imbalance of academic and elective courses.

AP and Honors classes cannot be dropped without the consent of Mrs. Reynolds. 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. **Once school begins, we will not make schedule changes unless we need to balance classes.** Final schedules will be re-distributed on the first day of school.

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION: Under the School Counseling tab on the HVA website, you will find the enrollment checklist. **All of these documents must be presented at the time of enrollment.** New student registration will start promptly at the designated time on the following days:

Thursday, May 30	9:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 23	9:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
Monday, August 5	1:30 p.m.

Members from our student leadership team, the Talons, will be available to give tours at these registration/enrollment dates.

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 5, 2019. Any exceptions to this deadline will be noted in the project or assignment directions. All information concerning English, academy, and honors/Advanced Placement classes is posted on the HVA website and available in the school office. Information on academy assignments and honors/Advanced Placement classes was distributed to students prior to May 23, 2019.

ACADEMIES: Each academy has created a required summer assignment that allows students to design their own project by making selections from a list of approved project options. Specific information regarding the grading and expectations for these projects is included in the assignment documents. These assignments may be found on our website. [Freshmen also have required summer academy assignments.](#) Information regarding assignments for the Freshmen Academy is listed below.

Freshmen Academy Assignment: Freshmen will create a Super School that reflects their interests and needs. They will design classrooms, develop curriculum, establish rules, and formulate plans to motivate students. The 100-point project that includes a 5-minute presentation and a Trifold or PowerPoint will be due on Monday, August 12. Please visit the Freshmen Academy link on our website for details and specifics.

ENGLISH: All **English** classes also 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 in the school office and on the school website.

English Outside Reading Assignments for 2019-2020

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 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. HVA will have a book fair at Barnes and Noble on June 2. They will have all of our summer reading books available to purchase with proceeds benefiting the HVA English department if mentioned at checkout. Limited supplies of the graphic novels will also be available for checkout at ValleyPalooza.

9 CP	<p>Mandatory Read: <i>Flying Couch: A Graphic Memoir</i> – Amy Kurzweil</p> <p>Also, Choose One Among: <i>Unbroken: An Olympian’s Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive</i> (YA Adaptation) – Laura Hillenbrand, <i>Between Shades of Gray</i> – Rupta Sepetys, or <i>Code Name Verity</i> – Elizabeth Wein*</p>
9 Honors	<p>Mandatory Reads: <i>Antigone</i> – Sophocles, <i>Frankenstein</i> – Mary Shelley, and <i>Things Fall Apart</i> – Chinua Achebe</p>
10 CP	<p>Mandatory Read: <i>American Born Chinese</i> – Gene Luen Yang</p> <p>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*, or <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, and <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>
11 CP	<p>Mandatory Read: <i>March: Book One</i> – John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell</p> <p>Also, Choose One Among: <i>I am Malala</i> – Malala Yousafzai, <i>The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks</i> – E. Lockhart, or <i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i> – Mark Twain*</p>
11 AP Lit.	<p>Mandatory Reads: <i>The Great Gatsby</i> – F. Scott Fitzgerald, and <i>A Raisin in the Sun</i> – Lorraine Hansberry*</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, or <i>The Island of Dr. Moreau</i> – H. G. Wells</p>
12 AP Lang	<p>Mandatory Read: <i>1984</i> – George Orwell*</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>