

JOHN HERSEY HOMEFRONT



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

October 2023

From the Principal's Desk

Homecoming was everything I imagined, and more! Kicking off spirit week with The Big Game brought to the forefront a Hersey tradition that truly unites our entire school community. Throughout the week, students enjoyed everything from Open Mic Night to Dodgeball, not to mention impressive victories on the soccer pitch (Hersey X Prospect X), and the football field (Hersey X Prospect X). The entire week was capped off with our Coronation Ceremony, with over 1,500 students attending the Homecoming Dance on Saturday night! Special Thanks to our Student Council students and staff sponsors for all of their time and dedication this past week!

As the dust settles on Homecoming Week, I'd be remiss not mentioning that at the heart of a fulfilling educational experience, is student engagement. We encourage all of our students to explore and participate in the many offerings extended beyond the classroom walls. We believe these are the invaluable opportunities for personal growth, skill development and lasting friendships. Not sure what Hersey has to offer? Here's a good starting point: [JHHS Activities](#). It's never too late to get started!

~ H. McFaul



The Parent Council - TPC



Looking for an opportunity to get involved and make a difference to students and staff here at Hersey?

Join Today!



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Parent Teacher Conferences

This year's Parent Teacher Conferences will take place virtually Thursday, October 26, 4:00pm - 9:00pm. Scan the QR Code below for more information.



Upcoming Dates & Events

10/6 - School Photo Retakes

10/13 - End of 1st Quarter

10/16 - Institute Day/Students
Not in Attendance

10/17 - Start of 2nd Quarter

10/21 - Incoming 8th Grade
Placement Testing
8:00am - 12:00pm

10/26 - Parent Teacher Conf
4:00pm - 9:00pm

10/28 - Incoming 8th Grade
Placement Test Makeup
8:00am - 12:00pm

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Useful Links



JHHS Calendars



Athletic Boosters



The Parent Council



Fine & Performing
Arts



2022-2023 Second
Sem Honor Roll



Contacts &
Academic Support



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Daily
Announcements



John Hersey High School 2024 National Merit Scholars

Semifinalists

Miguel Aenlle
Monika Juscinska
Jordan Leyva
Kailee See

Commended

Abigail Beck
Timothy Boldt
Ernest Dubowski
Lucie Eisenhardt
Madilyn R Ernst
Kailan Gogerty
Hailey Habeeb

Catherine Hany
Nikhil Koka
Evan Lewis
Andy Loh
Charles Marks
Diana Mihaylova
Andrew Pignataro

Emily Polson
Amanda Reyes
Naveen Samual
Addison Solvsberg
Alex Strugacz
Aiden Temple
Ria Thomas

National Recognition

Lillian Alcauter
Andrea Arana
Lucia Downing

Arely Garcia
Vera Mikhail
Lucien Perez

Rachel Rafik
Rani Saoudi
Sofia Villasenor



COLLEGE, CAREER, LIFE READY

John Hersey High School

POSTSECONDARY NEWS



John Hersey High School

October 2023

We're off to a great start! We've had record numbers of students attend College Boot Camp and L.A.H.-lapalooza! and outstanding attendance at our College Essay-palooza! College Rep Kick-Off panel and college rep visits. Seniors are in full college application mode and are reminded to check the [JHHS College Application Guide](#) with any questions first. For this year only, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) release is being delayed due to a revision to the application. Seniors can expect the application to open sometime in December or possibly early January. Stay tuned for more info on the FAFSA and the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid (if ineligible for the FAFSA). Remember, this is a high school graduation requirement!

While most seniors will still be applying for a few more months, counselors will be getting the Class of 2025 started with building a college list full of schools that are the right fit for them. Juniors and their parents/guardians are HIGHLY ENCOURAGED to attend the "Finding the Right Fit" presentation on November 2nd at 7pm in the JHHS Theatre.

Upcoming Events!

- Senior Mid-Semester Check-In: October 10th and 11th, last 40 minutes of Math class, Black Box Theatre
- Class of 2025 "Finding the Right Fit" College Search Presentation: Thursday, November 2nd at 7pm, JHHS Theatre
- Junior Counseling Presentations on starting your college list: November 15th & 16h in Physics class
- D214 "Advising the Student Athlete Night": Thursday, November 30th at 7pm, JHHS Theatre
- D214 "Senior Financial Aid Night": Monday, December 11th at 7pm, Prospect High School
- Click [HERE](#) for a schedule for all grade-levels for the year. Check back often for updates!



LEFT TOP: Mr. Chiakulas asks a panel of college admission reps to give seniors tips on what they look for in the college essay at the College Essay-palooza! College Rep Panel Kick-off

LEFT BOTTOM: The College & Career Center has been busy for fall rep visits, such as this visit from DePaul University.

BELOW: We covered more than just college during our L.A.H.-lapalooza week! Students learned about opportunities related to apprenticeships, trades, certificates, and more!



DID YOU KNOW? The College & Career Center has a "L.A.H.-brary" of books and resources (above) that can be checked out by students and parents. Review our [list](#) and reach out to Mrs. Anne with questions.



Bookmark these sites!

- [JHHS College & Career Center](#)
- [JHHS Job & Volunteer Board](#)
- [JHHS College Application Guide \(Seniors\)](#)
- [JHHS Postsecondary Planning Guide](#)

Discover your future today.

College and Career Ready! Night:
A Virtual Event

Wednesday, October 18
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Grab a cup and connect with us! Postsecondary Counseling Resources

In Case You Missed It!

Watch this Learn A L.A.H.-tte recording [HERE](#).



**LEARN A
L.A.H.-TTE**

*Life At Hersey
Life After Hersey*

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For more info, go to:
<http://www.d214.org/college-career-ready-night>



Best High Schools

John Hersey High School earned high National and metro-area rankings in 2023-2024 Best High Schools, which U.S. News released last week. Here is your school's updated U.S. News profile page, with details about its rankings: www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/illinois/districts/township-high-school-district-214/john-hersey-high-school-6470.

About 2023-2024 Best High Schools

- The [2023-2024 edition of Best High Schools](#) includes a numerical ranking of nearly all public high schools nationwide – almost 18,000 of them – based on multiple sources of objective data.
- There are rankings within each state and within each census-designated metropolitan area that has three or more high schools, as well as the [Best STEM Schools](#) ranking and comprehensive [Best Charter Schools](#) and [Best Magnet Schools](#) rankings.
- Includes rankings of high schools within each school district that has three or more high schools.
- Your school's U.S. News profile page includes information on enrollment, graduation rates, student body demographics, location, school type and results of state assessments as well as Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate tests.
- Best High Schools rankings, available online only, are produced in conjunction with RTI International, a global research firm. U.S. News doesn't collect data directly from high schools; all data comes directly from official third-party sources.
- AP and IB data come directly from the College Board and International Baccalaureate, respectively, for use in the rankings.
- The state assessment data and graduation rates are from each state, and other data comes from the U.S. Department of Education Common Core of Data.
- For more information on how U.S. News evaluates public high schools, please see the [methodology](#).

EL STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

Meet our EL Staff



Dr. Patty Grow - Associate Principal for Instruction

Who is Dr. Grow?

Dr. Grow received her Bachelor's Degree in English/Secondary Education from Northeastern Illinois University, Master's Degree in Reading from Concordia University, Master's Degree in Administration from Olivet Nazarene University, and a Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction from Northern Illinois University. She has been at John Hersey High School for 16 years and began her career at Hersey as a student teacher. After student teaching at Hersey, she was hired as an English teacher before becoming the Division Head of English, EL, and Fine Arts. Now as the Associate Principal for Instruction, she oversees instruction and EL in all content areas. Dr. Grow is proud of leading John Hersey High School in various roles and is excited for the continued opportunity to lead instruction and this EL Team at John Hersey High School.

Mrs. Sabrina Langlois - EL/ English/Fine Arts Division Head



Who is Mrs. Langlois?

Mrs. Sabrina Langlois currently serves as the English and Fine Arts Division Chair at John Hersey High School. Sabrina received her B.A. in English from Lewis University and an M.A. in Educational Administration and an M.A. in Education from Olivet University. She also has endorsements in Educational Leadership and English Language Learning.



Ms. Blaire Pritchard - EL Coordinator

Who is Ms. Pritchard?

Ms. Pritchard received her Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education from Indiana University and her Master's Degree in Differentiated Instruction from Concordia University Chicago. She has taught for 6 years at the middle and high school level in various departments such as English, Social Studies, and EL. Ms. Pritchard currently teaches World Literature and Composition and Tutorial at John Hersey High School as well as serves as Hersey's EL Coordinator. She anticipates beginning her reading endorsement in the summer of 2024. Ms. Pritchard is a member of OneHersey, IDEA, and co-sponsor of the Literary Magazine. Ms. Pritchard is a 214 alum and beyond excited to be part of the EFA department at JHHS!

Mr. David Hess - EL Counselor



Who is Mr. Hess?

Mr. Hess received his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Millikin University, Teaching Certificate from National Louis, and Masters in School Counseling from Concordia University. He has 18 years of experience in education, serving the last 5 as a School Counselor. This is his second year as School Counselor at Hersey, and he is currently the EL Counselor. In addition to his role as School Counselor, Mr. Hess serves as the Head Boys Varsity Basketball Coach and a member of OneHersey. Mr. Hess is also a proud alumnus of Hersey High School, class of 1999.



Mrs. Jenny Steerman - EL/ English Teacher

Who is Mrs. Steerman?

Mrs. Steermann is a graduate of Elmhurst College. She has a Bachelor's Degree in English with a minor in Reading. After college, Mrs. Steermann went back to school to earn her EL endorsement. She finds that her background in Reading and EL helps her to be deliberate when working with struggling students, as she is able to quickly implement strategies while teaching. Additionally, Mrs. Steermann has earned a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction as well as Educational Leadership. She has been in the teaching professional for 10 years. Mrs. Steermann is currently teaching Written and Oral Communication, World Literature, and Tutorial. She is a member of ONE Hersey, IDEA, and co-sponsor of the Literary Magazine.

Mrs. Cohen - EL Instructional Assistant



Who is Mrs. Cohen?

Mrs. Cohen is a first-year Instructional Assistant in EL supporting World Literature, Oral and Written Composition, and Tutorial classes. She also serves as an essay proof-reader for college bound seniors and is an active member of The Parent Council (TPC) and Hersey Athletic Boosters. After graduating from Hersey in 1992, she attended Bradley University and participated in the study abroad program at La Universidad de Sevilla in Spain during her sophomore year. She completed a double BA in Communications and Spanish. After a 25-year professional career serving non-profit and tech industries she is thrilled to return "home" to the amazing culture fostered by Hersey leaders and educators.

We First Make Our Habits, Then Our Habits Make Us.



Family Newsletter, Issue 2 September 2023

#"BE PROACTIVE"

Greetings families!

As your household settles into a new school year routine, it's a good time to ask whether your school, work, and family-life balance supports each member's emotional health. How comfortable is your teen in his or her own skin? Do they feel recognized or heard? Are they on a path to becoming a productive adult that feels fulfilled by their pursuits?

This month we will be covering the first of three habits that make up The Private Victory, "**Be Proactive**". We will ask your student to evaluate their responses to the events that happen daily in their environment, to listen to their language... do they take responsibility for their actions or do they play the blame game? For example, a reactive thinker may say "I can't", where a proactive thinker will say "There has to be a way". Being proactive is about taking ownership of your life and intentionally walking toward a particular future or path. When you are proactive, you are the leader of your life because you take control of situations.

To generate some conversation with your teen, you may ask them "What are some different ways you can show you are in control of your life" (word that in your super cool parent way of course!). Some possible responses include being responsible, making good choices, thinking before you act, doing your best, writing down your goals and having a positive attitude.

Everytime your student uses these skills, he or she will be building positive self-regard and self-confidence. Exhibiting self control can be very empowering! When someone is rude to you, where do you get the power to resist being rude back? As Sean Covey says, "just push pause" and dig into your human toolbox.

The Human Tool Box

Self-Awareness: I can stand apart from myself and observe my thoughts and actions.

Conscience: I can listen to my inner voice to know right from wrong.

Imagination: I can envision new possibilities.

Willpower: I have the power to choose.

SELF-EVALUATION IS THE KEY TO CHANGE



Baby steps towards becoming **proactive**:

1. If you get in a fight with someone, be the first to make amends, no matter who was at fault.
2. The next time you receive a grade you feel is unfair, make an appointment with the teacher instead of complaining.
3. Leave yourself a note that says "I will not let ____ decide how I am going to feel."

**Yearbook Portrait
Retakes are
ALL DAY
in the Titre Room
Friday October 6th.**

**Look Sharp
Huskies &
See YOU in the
2023-24 Yearbook**

Dear Parents of 2024 Seniors:

For over 30 years, the yearbook staff has included a Senior Babies section in the Endeavor Yearbook for the parents of seniors.

Jostens is solely responsible for the payment and production of the Senior Babies section.

www.jostensadservice.com

Click SHOP YOUR SCHOOL or enter info into GET STARTED NOW

Search John Hersey High School

Click Yearbook Recognition Ad to register and build your Baby Ad.

Early Bird Price Special by October 31st:

Your message will be printed on specially designed pages at a cost of \$45.00 per message for 1/8 page ads or \$80 for the 1/4 page larger format, if submitted by October 31st..

Pricing for ads submitted November 1st until December 31st will increase \$10: \$55.00 for 1/8 page ads and \$90.00 for 1/4 page ads.

Along with your statement, you should include a picture of your son/daughter taken during his or her childhood (ages 1-10). PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT RECENT PHOTOS...BABY OR CHILDHOOD PHOTOS ONLY.

The image will be professionally sized to fit the designated area. You can use digital files of your photo or scan/photograph your baby photos to upload to Josten's. Be careful to avoid reflections and glare spots when photographing glossy photos or photos behind glass. Josten's will crop the photo to fit in the ad space.

Please consider the following before ordering:

Your order must be completed by December 31st to appear in this year's book! NO EXCEPTIONS.

Early Bird Special!!! Complete your Senior Baby message and submit to Jostens by October 31st and be discounted \$10.00! (The cost will be \$45.00 or \$80 depending on the size of the ad).

Any pictures and messages after November 1st are \$55.00 or \$90.00 depending on ad size.

Make sure to include the first and last name of your child in the message. If you have any issues, questions, or need help please contact Jostens Customer Service 1-800-358-0800

We are very excited about this year's book and senior baby section!

Your 2023-24 Yearbook Endeavor Editor Team

The Big Game Parent Newsletter 2023

Hersey hosted its fourth annual Big Game on September 26! The week prior, the Hersey family promoted inclusion by decorating the athletes' lockers, eating lunch with them, giving them goodie bags, making posters, and having a welcome high five line! The whole school came together to promote inclusion for this exciting assembly where the basketball athletes coached our special needs students, the marketing classes made Wall of Fame posters for each of them, and 2,000 classmates cheered them on! We're thrilled to share that we raised over \$1,300 for Gerry's Cafe!



Student coach and basketball athlete Ava Hardwood practicing with Big Game Player Annabelle Carlino



Wall of Fame Posters for Big Game Players



Student coaches and the crowd cheers as a basket is made by Big Game Freshman Sophia Koval



Big Game Athletes David Allende, Michael Begich, and Erik Villamil eat lunch with their student coach Lily Larson

11TH ANNUAL

JOHNHERSEY HIGHSCHOOL

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SAT. OCT 28

10AM-5PM

@Hersey H.S. Cafeteria

Benefits The Choir

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HERSEY



Congratulations!
John Hersey High School
Marching Band
Grand Champions
Northern Illinois University
Saturday, September 16





Hersey Instrumental Association (HIA) is an all-volunteer 501(c)3 non-profit organization run entirely by band parents. We are dedicated to enhancing the Hersey Band program by providing an environment that supports the educational and musical objectives, academic progress, and general welfare of the student musicians. Every year HIA raises funds to provide scholarships, sponsor learning opportunities, purchase needed equipment, and fund band programs. We invite you to support the band! Visit our website: [Herseyband.com](https://herseyband.com) for information on our programs.

Chance to Shine Raffle

Chance to Shine Raffle - \$15,000 in Cash Prizes!

Support your 2023 NIU Red & Black Fall Classic Champions!

Buy your Chance to Shine raffle tickets online now through Oct. 16 at [Herseyband.com/Chance-to-Shine-Raffle](https://herseyband.com/Chance-to-Shine-Raffle).

You can also purchase raffle tickets in person at the JHHS varsity football games on Sept. 29 and Oct. 13.

Winning tickets will be drawn following the Marching Huskies half-time performance during the varsity football game on Oct. 20.

No more than 2,000 tickets will be sold! Don't miss your chance to shine!

HERSEY INSTRUMENTAL ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

2023 CHANCE TO SHINE RAFFLE

"It can't rain all the time," so **don't miss your Chance to Shine.**
Support the award-winning John Hersey High School (JHHS) Bands and **you could win!**

GRAND PRIZE: \$10,000*
SECOND PRIZE: \$3,000* THIRD PRIZE: \$2,000*

*Prize amounts based on 2,000 tickets sold.

\$50
per ticket

Purchase your tickets
at [Herseyband.com](https://herseyband.com),
select Hersey home
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Buy Now



\$50
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Your donations help
Hersey student musicians
shine bright in workshops
with expert clinicians,
local/state competitions,
global/local
performances and more in
2023/24.

HERSEYBAND.COM/CHANCE-TO-SHINE-RAFFLE

THE RAFFLE RUNS 9-7-2023 THROUGH 10-15-2023. WINNING TICKETS WILL BE DRAWN FOLLOWING THE MARCHING HUSKIES HALFTIME SHOW ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023 AT THE ROLAND R. GOINS STADIUM AT JHHS.

THE WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT. YOU MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE TO PURCHASE TICKETS. YOU AGREE TO OFFICIAL RULES & REGULATIONS WITH PURCHASE. SEE OFFICIAL RULES & REGULATIONS AT HERSEYBAND.COM/CHANCE-TO-SHINE-RAFFLE.

Family Sponsorship

Become a family sponsor of the band. Family sponsorship is open to the entire Hersey community – parents, grandparents, alums and friends of the program! Your family sponsorship includes admission for all immediate family (parents and children) to all band performances at JHHS in the 2023-2024 school year. Visit [HerseyBand.com](https://herseyband.com) for additional information on Gold and Platinum-level sponsorships.

Once you are ready to become a family sponsor, please follow the steps on our [website](https://herseyband.com).



FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Falling' in Love with Hersey's Fine and Performing Arts Programs



OCTOBER

**10th 7PM PHS Orchesis
Artist In Residence**

11th 7PM East Gym Choir Fallapalooza Concert

18th Lake Zurich Mini Portfolio Day

20th 7PM Football Field Senior Night

20th 9-3PM FVEC Visual Arts Day

**26th Youtube Live ArtConnectED
Illustration Throwdown**

[Homepage](#)

JHHS Theatre presents



November 9, 10 & 11

What would you do if you had all eternity? Eleven-year-old Winnie Foster yearns for a life of adventure beyond her white picket fence, but not until she becomes unexpectedly entwined with the Tuck Family does she get more than she could have imagined. When Winnie learns of the magic behind the Tucks unending youth, she must fight to protect their secret from those who would do anything for a chance at eternal life. As her adventure unfolds, Winnie faces an extraordinary choice: return to her life or continue with the Tucks on their infinite journey.

TICKETS

<https://gofan.co/app/school/IL15508?activity=Performing%20Arts>



Questions: Contact Joann Langley
847-718-4882 or joann.langley@d214.org

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NIKI MORLEY, KELLEY PATAKY,
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brent.vilchez@d214.org

**Link to
sign-up
here**



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Incoming Freshman Pre-registration

Preinscripción para estudiantes de
primer año entrantes

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER BY OCTOBER 12, 2023

We are excited to welcome you to
High School District 214
for the 2024-25 school year.

Go to www.d214.org/freshmanprereg to start the pre-registration process and sign up for placement testing by October 12, 2023.

INCOMING FRESHMAN PLACEMENT EXAM

Eighth grade students who plan to attend a District 214 high school are required to take the placement exam. This exam, along with their grades, helps make sure students are placed in high school classes where they can succeed.

DATE: Saturday, October 21 (make-up date is Saturday, October 28)

TIME: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (plan to arrive by 7:45 a.m.)

PLACE: At the high school* your student will attend based on your address.

If you are not sure which high school your student will attend, please see the District 214 boundaries map at: www.d214.org/districtmap



Scan the QR code to start
the pre-registration process
in English, Spanish, or Русский



* Buffalo Grove High School, Elk Grove High School, John Hersey High School, Prospect High School, Rolling Meadows High School and Wheeling High School