

# JOHN HERSEY HOMEFRONT



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

November 2023

## From the Principal's Desk

November has arrived, which means that we are slowly approaching the midpoint of the school year! During this month of *Thanksgiving*, I want to express my gratitude to the entire school community for the ongoing support, dedication, and commitment to our students' success. Your involvement in our school is invaluable, and I'm continually inspired by the natural enthusiasm and active participation our Hersey Families provide in so many different ways.

As we progress through the year, I would like to remind our students and parents to continue prioritizing regular attendance to school and maintaining strong work ethic throughout the semester. As I'm sure you've learned from participating in Parent Teacher Conferences, our dedicated staff is always available to provide additional support to students, so please don't hesitate to reach out. Additionally, a well-rounded educational experience extends beyond the classroom walls. We continue to encourage student engagement in various aspects of school life, including clubs and activities, athletics, and attending extracurricular events.

Finally, our JHHS students will be actively engaged this month in our 54th Annual Food Drive (yes, you read that correctly....54 years). Our efforts will make a difference in the continued support of 6 local Food Pantries. The *Tag n' Bag* planning has begun, and will be rolled out to classrooms this week. Thanks again to our entire school community for supporting this cause.



~ H. McFaul

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## First Semester Finals

First semester finals will take place Wednesday, December 20, Thursday, December 21 and Friday, December 22. Click the link below for more information.

### Semester 1 Finals Information



## Upcoming Dates & Events

**11/4 - Football vs Downers**  
Grove North 4:00pm

**11/4 - Boys and Girls Cross**  
Country @ State Meet

**11/9-11/11 - Fall Musical**  
"Tuck Everlasting"  
Th, F - 7:00pm  
Sa - 2:00pm & 7:00pm

**11/15 - Jazz Combo Concert**  
7:00pm in Black Box

**11/17 - Food Drive**

**11/20 - Fall Jazz Concert**  
7:00pm in Black Box

**11/22-11/24 - NO SCHOOL**  
**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

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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



Hersey Dispatch



Alumni



Daily  
Announcements

# HEALTH OFFICE UPDATE

All forms can be dropped off, mailed, or faxed to the Health Services Office  
JHHS - 1900 E Thomas Rd Arlington Heights, IL 60004 FAX: 847-718-4951

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## Medication in School

- Students are not allowed to carry any type of medication on them while at school (including Tylenol or Advil) unless it is a life saving medication that has been signed off by both parent and physician.
- If medication is needed to be given during school hours, scheduled or as needed, parents must request that the school dispense the medication to the student and have the provider complete a Medication Authorization Form.



## DENTAL EXAM: Class of 2027

- Illinois Law requires all students in 9th grade shall have a dental examination.
- Exams must be dated on or after Nov. 15, 2022 and the form must be completed by a licensed dentist.
- Please have dental exams completed and forms to the Health Office by May of 2024

## Tylenol (Acetaminophen)

- District 214 has a standing order for Tylenol (acetaminophen) that may be administered to students based on the assessment by the Health Office.
- Parents must give permission each year at the time of school registration by selecting "YES" when asked.
- No other over-the-counter medications are available to students.

## DON'T FEEL WELL? Stay home or go home!

- If you have any symptoms (see below) stay home!
- Already at school and start to feel unwell? Get a pass from your teacher and go to the Health Office
- Remember - if you are unwell and stay home a parent/guardian must call the Attendance Office EACH DAY a student is home! Call 847-718-4801 or 847-718-4802

## SYMPTOMS TO STAY HOME OR GO HOME

- Fever 100 or greater
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- REMEMBER - if you have these symptoms listed above you must be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.

## CHECK WITH NURSE IF YOU'RE AT SCHOOL

- Cough
- Sore Throat
- Feeling unwell - i.e. nausea
- Any concerns!

## LINKS TO ALL FORMS!

[ILLINOIS Child Health Exam Form](#)

[Asthma Action Plan](#)

[Allergy Action Plan](#)

[Diabetic Management Plan](#)

[Seizure Action Plan](#)

[School Medication Authorization Form](#)

[Dental Exam Form](#)

[JHHS HEALTH OFFICE WEBSITE](#)





# COLLEGE, CAREER, LIFE READY

John Hersey High School

## POSTSECONDARY NEWS



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Thanks to 82 amazing JHHS staff members we broke the College Essay-palooza record with 245 college essays sessions completed! What a great opportunity for our seniors to get their essays reviewed prior to their college application deadlines. Mr. Chiakulas called all seniors down to the Black Box Theater out of their math class on October 11th and 12th for the annual Senior Mid-Semester Check-in. After a quick reminder of some time-sensitive application information and other upcoming events, seniors were able to go apply to Harper with our Har per rep, Jalen Little, get financial information and create their FSA IDs with our ISAC rep, Joe Doner, apply for a Spring D214 Internship with our Student Success Coach, Angela Ferrazza, or get college app questions answered by counselors.

While seniors are finishing up most their applications this month, we will start to slightly shift our focus to juniors. Juniors and their parents /guardians were invited to the "Finding the Right Fit" presentation on November 2nd in the JHHS Theatre. Counselors will drop into Physics classes on November 15 & 16 for our first classroom presentation of the year – and introduce Schoolinks, our Naviance replacement platform. We will also hold our Military Options Week for any grade level during the week of November 13-17.

Finally, course selection for the 2024-25 school year is coming up quickly! It is highly recommended that if your student has any colleges in mind that they look up the admission requirements *now* and then they discuss them with their counselor during their registration meeting. It is very difficult to change schedules once classes begin in the fall! Make sure to plan ahead.

### Upcoming Events!

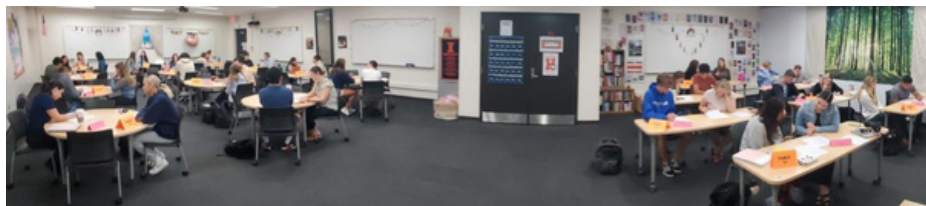
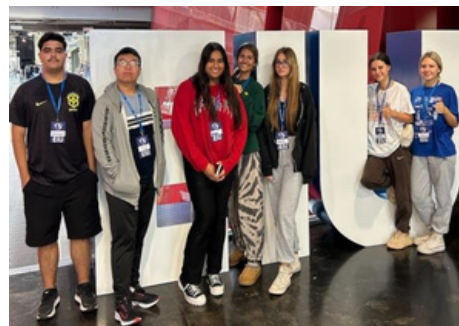
- Military Options Week: November 13th-17th
- D214 "Advising the Student Athlete Night": Thursday, November 30th at 7pm, JHHS Theatre
- D214 "Senior Financial Aid Night": Monday, December 11th at 7pm, Prospect High School
- Click [HERE](#) for a schedule for all grade-levels for the year. Check back often for updates!



LEFT: Mr. Chiakulas talks to Seniors in the Black Box Theater during the Senior Mid-Semester Check-in.

Right: A group of 1st Gen juniors and seniors went on a District-sponsored field trip to Eastern Illinois University on September 26th.

BELOW: Our annual College Essay-palooza event broke records for both student college essay review sessions held (245) and staff volunteers (82). The ARC was busy 4 Tuesdays in a row before and after school!



### Bookmark these sites!

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



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



Family Newsletter, Issue 3 October 2023

## **“Begin with the end in mind”**

**Greetings families!**

Have you stopped to consider your purpose lately? What is your mission in life? As your freshman student embarks on their high school career, this is a great time to cultivate some conversations about what they want their future to look like.

This month's theme, “Begin With The End In Mind”, is about defining where you want to go and what you would like to accomplish; not just in life, but this hour, this day, this month... Have a plan! The conversation this month encourages students to envision their goals and aspirations as well as set a clear vision for their future. It reminds us that if we don't choose our destiny, someone else will.

This habit also builds on the previous month's theme, “Be Proactive”, asking whether your student is the person they want to be and encouraging them to take charge of their life. When you “Begin With The End In Mind”, you start with a plan - regardless of the size and the amount of time required to accomplish the goal, project, task or lifetime accomplishment.

To help your student find value in this month's habit, have some discussions about what they see in their future. Discuss college, trade-school and post high school employment options; future housing and transportation needs and options; and budgeting in the real world. Regardless where your teen heads after turning the big 18, they need to have a plan and understand the steps they need to take to reach their life goals.

We are here to help with several resources for planning for your student's future! Have them take a trip down to the Student Services department with any questions they may have.

We want to thank you for your continuous support, involvement, and encouragement that makes a world of difference in our students' lives. We appreciate your commitment to your child's education and their holistic development. Thank you once again for being an integral part of the Hersey PE Department family. Together, we can empower our students to lead healthy, active, and successful lives.

Best regards,

The John Hersey P.E. Department

**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](http://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**





# FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS

#GRATEFULFORTHEFINEANDPERFORMINGARTS

## NOVEMBER

8 *TUCK, EVERLASTING* THEATER MATINEE  
HERSEY FEEDER SCHOOLS  
SENIOR CITIZEN PERFORMANCE 4:30PM

9 *TUCK, EVERLASTING* THEATER 7PM

10 *TUCK, EVERLASTING* THEATER 7PM

10 DISTRICT DRAMA DAY HARPER COLLEGE 8AM-2PM

11 *TUCK, EVERLASTING* THEATER 2PM & 7PM

11 DANCE WORKSHOP CARTER GYM 10AM-12:30PM  
K-8TH GRADE

15 JAZZ COMBO CONCERT BLACK BOX 7PM

20 JAZZ FALL CONCERT BLACK BOX 7PM

29 HARPER ART RECEPTION HARPER COLLEGE 6PM  
VIEWING ALL MONTH.

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JOHN HERSEY HIGH SCHOOL THEATER PRESENTS

# TUCK EVERLASTING

**November 9th-11th**

**JHHS Theatre**  
**7:00 PM - Thu/Fri/Sat**  
**2:00 PM - Sat**

**Admission**  
**\$15 - Reserved Seating**  
**\$10 - Student Reserved Seating (Ages 5-18)**

**Information: (847) 718-4882**  
**Tickets: Scan QR Code Below**







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](http://Herseyband.com) for information on our programs.

## Upcoming Concerts

- *Fall Jazz Combo Concert - Wednesday, November 15th @ 7pm*
- *Fall Jazz Concert - Monday, November 20th @7pm w/BG*
- *Holiday Concert - Sunday, December 3rd @ 1pm & 3pm*  
*Includes 8th graders from feeder schools*

## Dine and Share - Tuesday, December 5th - All Day

- Support the band and get some Lou's!

**BUFFALO GROVE**

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Tuesday, December 5th  
11:00 AM - 10:00 PM



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Mount Prospect 1504 North  
Elmhurst Rd.  
Palatine 287 N Northwest Hwy  
Buffalo Grove 85 S. Buffalo Grove  
Rd.

Order online at [loumalnatis.com](http://loumalnatis.com), in the mobile app or call

**Hersey Band | [www.herseyband.com](http://www.herseyband.com)**

# COME MEET THE JHHS CHOIR!!!

(All incoming 8th graders & JHHS students interested in being a part of the JHHS Choir)




**WHEN:** Thursday, November 16

**WHERE:** JHHS Cafeteria

**TIME:** 6:00 – 8:00 PM

**WHAT:** **No pressure** – just fun

Pizza, treats, baggos, giant jenga,

Karaoke, ,  Connect Four  
and more!!!!

We want you to get to know us and  
we want to get to know **YOU!!!**

**RSVP:** <https://forms.gle/SuXnqggDcWeNqQEv5>