



Hobart High School

MAKING COLLEGE AND CAREER READY BRICKIES

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MISSING IMMUNIZATIONS

Over 250 students have not received their required immunizations for this year, and over 150 of those students are seniors. Seniors who have not received the required meningitis booster need to do so as soon as possible. Letters will be sent home soon notifying students that they will be excluded from school if they do not meet the Indiana State immunization requirements. This also applies to any other students who are lacking immunizations. Students can obtain these immunizations at their primary care physician, the health department, or the Brickie Clinic. If you have any questions please call or stop by Mrs. O'Brien's office.

Did you know?

Have you heard about FAKE? Spice? K2? These are just some of the names for synthetic marijuana. Smoking synthetic marijuana is a new trend for middle and high school students. While students assume that it is safe to smoke, it is more dangerous than regular marijuana. Marijuana is plant-based, but synthetic marijuana is a plant or herb that is laced with chemicals, and the majority of time the people smoking synthetic marijuana have no idea what chemicals they are inhaling into their body. Side effects such as high blood pressure, vomiting, blurred vision, hallucinations, seizures, anxiety, panic attacks, heart attack, and even death have occurred. Talk to your kids today about the dangers of this drug.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

One of our focuses this year has been to emphasize that everyone has a story. For students and educators, this is so important to think about because we never truly know what someone is going through. Our school community has come together this year for numerous challenging and sad situations that will forever affect our students. All students respond differently to such tragedies and it's important to realize this becomes a part of "their story."

On Monday morning, students had the opportunity to hear an inspiring story from one of the original Freedom Writers, Manny Scott. Mr. Scott spoke to students about numerous topics, but his message was clear - it's never too late to turn the page. He reminded students that everyone has a story, and they are not alone. Turning the page referred to the willingness to make things better - to work hard and not give up until goals are reached. He added that while moving forward, always take the time to stop and help someone in need. His message was powerful and exactly what our students needed in order to realize that they have the power to write their story from here on out.

I share this with you for a few reasons. Manny Scott's presentation was impactful for students and something worth asking your child to discuss. I also believe that our students, like all people, struggle with uncontrollable circumstances that can either break them or give them the strength to keep moving forward. Mr. Scott truly inspired many of our students and made them realize that if they are willing to turn the page, nothing is out of reach.

The amount of loss and tragedy some our students have endured this year alone is heartbreaking - but please know we are here to help! Please do not hesitate to contact an administrator if your child is struggling in anyway - especially something that is out of their control. I am confident that our school community will continue to band together through the good and bad times, after all "Once a Brickie, always a Brickie."

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HOUR OF CODE

December 7 through the 11 is a week long national initiative called "Hour of Code." During the week, one hour each day is devoted to celebrating coding and computer science.

Participation in Clubs and Sports

Per the student handbook, students will only be allowed to participate in extra-curricular activities if they are present in school the entire school day. "On any day students will be allowed to participate in an activity only if they were in school all day unless the student has a scheduled appointment or prior arrangements had been made with the principal. Students who have been placed in all-day in-school suspension by an administrator or who are serving out-of-school suspension cannot participate in practice, athletic contests, or attend any school function during the period of their suspension."

Calculator Vault App



The Calculator Vault App looks like a regular calculator, but it is actually a storage system for the iPhone. Since it is camouflaged as a calculator, students can hide videos, photos, and other information on the app without worrying that someone else will see any of the information. It has a passcode feature, and it also has a decoy mode when the owner puts in the password backward. Go to the App Store on your iPhone to check out other features.

Upcoming Dates

- Dec. 5—Winterfest Swim Invite
- Dec. 6—Cheerleading U.S. Finals Qualifying Competition
- Dec. 8-9—English ECA Retest
- Dec. 15-16—Algebra ECA Retest
- Dec. 15—Choir concert (legacy)
- Dec. 16—Choir Concert
- Dec. 19—Wrestling Super Duals
- Dec.21-Jan. 1—Winter Break
- Jan. 4—Return to classes
- Jan. 11-14—Final Exams
- Jan. 15—Semi-formal Dance
- Jan. 15—No School (Records Day)
- Jan. 18—No School (Martin Luther King Day)

2016 Yearbook

Purchase your copy of the 2015-2016 yearbook at www.yearbookforever.com or at the school. The cost is \$50 this month and \$55 starting January 1, 2106. If you have questions, contact Leah Pagone at pagoneclass@hobart.k12.in.us.



Athletes Commit to Future Plans

Congrats to recent signees on their commitments to play collegiate athletics in the fall of 2016.

Maddy Adams: University of Tennessee Chattanooga (softball)

Braden Niksich: Illinois State (baseball)

Tyler Kenjic: Purdue Calumet (baseball)