



Hobart High School

MAKING COLLEGE AND CAREER READY BRICKIES

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The Brickie Bulletin

BRICKIE AMBASSADORS

The Hobart High School Administration is looking for mentors for the 2016-2017 school year. Applicants must be current sophomores or juniors who are caring and enjoy helping others. Selected individuals will work with the administration to help incoming freshman transition successfully from middle school to high school through a variety of events and activities such as Mission Possible. Interested students should see Mr. Rodriguez for an application.

Did you know?

Student usage of e-cigarettes or vaping is becoming an increasing trend of teenage students. According to www.webmd.com, vaping numbers for teens and tweens has doubled between 2011 and 2012, and numbers continue to rise. While students may think this is a harmless habit, especially compared to cigarettes, the truth is that there is not enough research on the topic to declare that it is harmless. Most importantly, students who vape are still consuming some amount of nicotine which has negative health effects. If students stop vaping, they can go through a variety of withdrawal symptoms such as headaches and nausea.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It's hard to believe we are already to the end of the first semester and nearing finals week-the week of January 11-14. The grades that students earn at the end of the semester become a part of the student's permanent record and are posted to transcripts. We talk to students about the importance of their transcript, but I often wonder if they truly understand the power that it holds. Not only do colleges look at this as the academic footprint to determine college admissions, but employers also benefit from viewing transcripts. Every student is given a score for sustained effort and conduct- and those scores are very telling. Employers want to hire people that work hard, persevere when things get difficult, and who know how to behave. It is important for students to understand that these ratings tell a story, and like anything - the story needs to be positive. Please take a moment when you receive your child's updated transcript to speak to them about the importance of the conduct and sustained effort ratings. Now more than ever, soft skills have become increasingly more important with employers. After all, employers can teach employees the nuts and bolts of the job, but they can't teach them to have a strong work ethic. At HHS one of our initiatives is to increase awareness of the soft skills so that students will be successful after high school.

As always, do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions about anything. I also encourage you to contact teachers if you are concerned with your child's progress in class. Open communication is so important, and we value your involvement in your child's education.

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Handbook Policy Review— Attendance

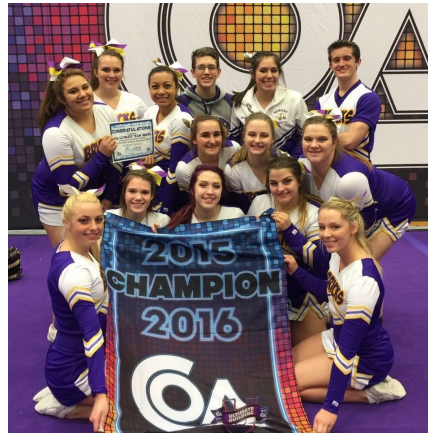
As a reminder, it is imperative that your student attends school on daily basis. The student handbook states that students must be called of by a parent or guardian if they are going to miss school prior to the next school day. If a parent does not contact the school, the student will be considered truant. Three or more truanancies can disqualify the student from earning credits in any affected classes. Students are allowed up to four excused, non-exempt absences per semester, up to seven excused, exempt absences per semester, or a combination of up to seven excused, non-exempt and exempt absences per semester. Absences exceeding the maximum number will result in a loss of credit for any classes affected.

HOURL OF CODE

During the week of December 14, students across the nation celebrated the Hour of Code. At Hobart High School, Jeremy Haubold, a software engineer for Microsoft, met with interested students to learn more about the world of coding. In addition to Mr. Haubold, daily coding tutorials took place during all of the lunch periods.

Cheerleaders take first

The Hobart High School Varsity Cheerleading Squad was crowned champions of the COA Central Indiana Cup held at Warren Central High School. With the win, the team earned a paid bid to compete at the Ultimate International Championships in Orlando, Florida over Spring Break. Congrats to the Brickie Cheerleading Squad and good luck at Nationals! HHS is so proud of you!



Upcoming Dates

- Jan. 4—Return to classes
- Jan. 11-14—Final Exams
- Jan. 11—Finals Periods 2 and 4
- Jan. 12—Finals Periods 6 and 8
- Jan. 13—Finals Periods 1 and 3
- Jan. 14—Finals Periods 5 and 7
- Jan. 15—Semi-formal Dance
- Jan. 15—No School (Records Day)
- Jan. 18—No School (Martin Luther King Day)
- Jan. 26—FAFSA Completion Event
- Feb. 3—Freshman Orientation (current 8th graders)
- Feb. 6—Dance Marathon
- Feb. 12-15—No School (Presidents' Weekend)
- Feb. 25—Test Scores and College Readiness

Do you love your school?

Throughout the month of January, students will have the opportunity to say what they love about Hobart High School. Students who fill out a card saying why they love their school will be entered into a weekly drawing for a variety prizes such as free coffee and semi-formal tickets!



Free Tutoring

Hobart High School offers free tutoring for all students on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:45-4:00 p.m. Each session is conducted by a certified teacher, and free transportation is provided by the School City of Hobart. Students needing bus services must sign up in the Media Center one day prior to assure that they will have transportation. Please call the high school with any questions.