

Hershey High School
Parent/Guardian Advisory Meeting
Meeting Agenda
9/19/19
8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
HHS Library Conference Room

- I. Welcome and Introductions

- II. Principal Update – J. Smith – Entering our 4th week of school. There has been lots of excitement in the building. Cocoa Bean Game - half-time musical performance, hundreds of young musicians on the field with the HHS marching band. HCYA Sock Drive, HHS collected over 3000 pairs of socks for a local shelter in Harrisburg. Together with Milton Hershey there were over 5000 pairs of socks collected. Homecoming will be Oct 4/5. Spirit week will lead up to the game on Oct 4, dance Oct 5. Please look for emails with specific details for Homecoming week. HHS has over 80 clubs and activities, please take time to review the offerings with your children, encourage them to get involved and chase their passions!

- III. Hershey Intervention and Prevention (HIP) Overview – P. Ebert - HIP is a preventive/proactive program. HIP is a student assistance program which is mandated by the state. Our program is a team of individuals (school nurse, administrators, teachers, counselors, SRO) working to give support to students who are experiencing barriers to learning. This is not just a drug and alcohol program; this program offers assistance for many reasons. Further questions contact guidance counselors or administrators.

- IV. AP Exams – B. Hensel - College Board will have a new process for registration, much earlier than in previous years. Please refer to the HHS School Counseling Services under Quick Links.
<http://www.hershey.k12.pa.us/Page/5757>
On Wednesday, October 2nd, we will be hosting our first “Coffee with Counselors” session in the Hershey High School Library Conference Room from 8:00am-9:00am. This will be an informal discussion between parents and counselors, and the topic for the morning is “Post-Secondary Planning”. Please look for emails from the counseling office.

- V. Link Crew – B. Clouser – Overview of our newly implemented mentor/transition program for our incoming Freshmen. There are 80 upper-class Link Leaders that are trained (Sunday Aug 18) as mentors for the Freshmen. We had a very successful Bridge Day (Aug 21) with over 80% of the class of 2023 in attendance for welcome and induction activities. The Link Leaders will work with the Freshmen throughout the school year in various ways, focused on making the high school experience positive and rewarding for all.

- VI. Questions, Comments, Concerns / Ideas for upcoming meetings

There was one question about AP class size.

There were a couple questions related to Blended Learning.

There was conversation and discussion about a recent physical altercation at HHS. Discussed communication and safety protocols. Explained limitations on sharing of information due to confidentiality laws. Working with students, planning activities, to build a connected community.

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