

## HAVELOCK HIGH SCHOOL

November 2014

Dear Parents,

It is often said that we have "good kids" at Havelock High School and that our school is successful because we have "good kids." I agree that we have good kids at Havelock High School, but the success of our students and ultimately our school can also be attributed to the motivation, dedication, loyalty, work-ethic and spirit of the "good kids." Of course, these positive traits can further be attributed to parental influence and support at home, the guidance and expectation of the faculty at Havelock High School, and the support of the Havelock Community.

The faculty at Havelock High School is composed of teachers and other staff members who are likewise motivated, dedicated, loyal, hard-working and spirited. Faculty members at HHS have attended the best universities in North Carolina and in the country and enjoy sharing what they have learned with your children. The combination of family, faculty, community and student interaction resulted in Havelock High School having the highest high school overall academic growth in the county during the 2013-2014 school year. I appreciate the positive impact of all of our stakeholders on our "good kids!"

I am also excited about our new Friday Focus program where we will deliver concentrated instruction to prepare students for the ACT. I appreciate the efforts of the school leadership cabinet, the administrative team and the faculty for assisting with the development and implementation of this program. We are hoping that the Friday Focus will lead to improvement of ACT scores.

We have two new administrators at Havelock High School. Ms. Bridgette Carson came to us from H. J. Macdonald Middle School, replacing Mr. Landis who transferred to the same school. We have also added Mr. William Byland, who replaced the retiring Wanda Simmons.

The football program, led by the 2011 and 2013 North Carolina AP Coach-of-the-Year, Jim Bob Bryant, continues to be successful in the Coastal 3A Conference. When this letter was written, we were one win away from a sixth consecutive conference championship. The three-time and reigning 3A State Champion Rams are working hard and hope to continue the winning tradition in the impending playoffs. In addition, Rams quarterback, Travis Sabdo, has been selected to participate in the Shrine Bowl. Congratulations to Travis, Coach Bryant, the coaching staff and all of the Rams! If you are unable to come to games, follow us on Twitter @ HavelockHS for game highlights and scores.

Congratulations to Mykenzie Caudill who was selected to compete in the NCHSAA state golf tournament. The Lady Rams are coached by Mr. Ron Shelton. We had new volleyball coaches this year, and our team has improved throughout the season. Coaches Lindsay Mendel and Molly Gomberg just completed their first season and hope to experience much success in the future. We also have a new Cross Country coach, Monica Pineda and one of our runners, Jeremy Prichard, placed sixth at the Coastal 3A Conference meet. Her athletes have improved throughout the season. Coach Meredith Shaw completed her second season as Girl's Tennis coach and continues to build that program as well. Our soccer team, coached by Jeremiah Johnson, play some of the best teams in the state in the Coastal 3A Conference. We were competitive throughout the season and look to improve next year. Congratulations to all of our fall sport athletes and their coaches.

The Marching Rams have completed another strong competition season including the grand champion's trophy at the Northside Monarch Invitational. Congratulations to the Marching Rams. Our Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp unit continues to do well at area drill meets and is one of our most community-minded organizations on campus. The unit regularly participates in community service projects, and I appreciate their efforts and the leadership of Major McCraight and AO1 Edsall. The student council recently hosted the Eastern District Fall Conference for the NCASC at Havelock High School where participants learned how to become stronger leaders in their respective schools. I would especially like to thank John McLeod and the student council representatives for all of their efforts regarding this conference and for making Homecoming Week run smoothly.

It is a privilege to work with the faculty and students at Havelock High School. Thank you for your continued support in all areas. If you have any questions or concerns about Havelock High School, please contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jeffrey E. Murphy Principal



HHS Band Annual Fruit Sale

Now-November 28

To Order or For More Info: Call 463-5124

#### College Application Week

November 10–14

Of the 110 NC colleges and universities, 94 are waiving their application fee for all students during this week. They include the following:

- ⇒ all 58 NC Community Colleges
- 31 NC Independent Colleges
- 5 UNC Universities

Students can stop by guidance for the complete list of colleges that are participating.

#### 2013-2014 SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY RESULTS

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction recently released the 2013-2014 school the three End of Course tests with an average accountability data. This data will include results from several areas including scores for End of Course tests in Math 1(Algebra I), English II, Biology, the ACT, and the WorkKeys assessments.

The four-year graduation rate, the school's dropout rate, and the completion of a Graduation Project are also factors in the accountability model.

HHS showed a substantial increase in growth of 19.9% over 2013-2014. Scores on the ACT increased as well, with 62.6% of students meeting minimum admission standards for the UNC system. The graduation rate remained above 90%, with a drop-out rate of less than 3%.

State and school data is available at: http://www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/ reporting/.

## PRESERVE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES WITH A RAMPAGE YEARBOOK

After being nationally-recognized by the Waldsworth company for two years, the Rampage staff is hard at work producing the 2014-2015 yearbook, and pre-orders are already being accepted either through the school or online. The base price of the

yearbooks is \$65.00 with options to add name engraving and other specialty stamping for an additional charge.

Family and friends of seniors can recognize their special student with a senior ad in this year's yearbook. The deadline for these orders is December 17. Businesses and other community organizations can also support the yearbook by purchasing an ad by December 10.

Additional information and printable order forms for the yearbooks or the ads are available at http://ligashhs.wikispaces.com/ Yearbook. There is also a link for online ordering. A limited ber of the 2013-2014 yearbooks are also available for purchase.

Contact Mrs. Ligas for more information.



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2nd NINE WEEKS

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Save The Date!

Tentative Date for Spring Open House

January 22, 2015

Open House provides parents an opportunity to meet their student's 2nd semester instructors. Nov. NOW-28 Band Fruit Sale

4 Report Cards

5 ASVAB

7 Cap and Gown Orders

7 Seminar Grade Check

8 Next Drivers Ed Course begins

10-11 No School for Students

10-14 College Application Week

26 Seminar Grade Check

26 11:30 Release/No Evening

27-28 Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 2-3 Grad. Project Presentations

5 Red Cross Bloodmobile

8 Holiday Band Concert

11 Class Ring Delivery

12 Seminar Grade Check

15 Chorus/Jazz Holiday Concert

17 Senior Yearbook Ads due

19 11:30 Release/No Evening

22-31 Holiday Break

Jan. 1-2 Holiday Break

12-16 Tentative Exam Window

19-20 No School for Students

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## **NEW Friday Focus Designed for ACT Preparation**

As part of the North Carolina READY accountability model, all sophomores take the ACT PLAN in the fall and all juniors take the ACT in the spring. Students can use these scores for college admission, and the scores are used as one of the seven major components to evaluate North Carolina high schools. This year's statewide testing date for the ACT is March 3rd.



In an effort to assist students in preparing for this test as well as the many other admissions tests they may be facing, HHS will begin a new seminar structure on Fridays beginning November 7th. On Fridays, students will have a 30-minute Friday Focus period following their first period class where they will receive concentrated ACT and other standardized test preparation. Each week, students will have the opportunity to focus on one of the four major components of the ACT: English, Writing, Science and Math. They will receive information about testing strategies, question content, and have real-time practice opportunities. With the addition of Friday Focus, *ALL* students will be in classes until 2:30 on Fridays. See the schedule on the school's website.

For students wanting additional practice, The North Carolina Virtual High School is offering ACT prep courses beginning next semester. Interested students should stop by and see their school counselors. The course is worth one high school credit, and students will receive a final grade that will be included on their transcript. There are also resources located on the bottom of the school's homepage.

Stay current on school events and activities via the school's website.

### http://havelockhigh.weebly.com/

#### **HHS Vision and Mission**

- HHS Vision: To maximize each student's potential through academic and personal growth.
- ♦ HHS Mission: Havelock High School will inspire students to be life-long learners prepared for post-graduation opportunities and committed to RAM PRIDE.

## **BOE Honors Coach Wiggins**



Coach Tameka Wiggins was recently recognized by the Craven County Board of Education as their 2014-2015
Spotlight Teacher for HHS. As

a 15-year veteran of Havelock High School, Coach Wiggins has taught Health and PE and Strength and Conditioning courses, developed a exemplary sports medicine program, and served on the coaching staffs for multiple sports. Coach Wiggins embodies the vision and mission of HHS on a daily basis.

# New Faces as Head Coaches for HHS Men's Hoops

As the new season begins at Havelock High School, familiar faces will have new roles in the men's basketball program. Coach Daniel Griffee will begin

his tenure as the head varsity coach, replacing Coach Bill Fryczynski, who retired at the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

Coach Griffee, who has been the junior varsity head coach for nine years and who assisted Coach Fryczynski at the varsity level, hopes to build upon last year's season, when the team reached the final eight in state.

With Coach Griffee's full-time move to the varsity level, Coach Cory Schler will step into the head coaching role for the junior varsity team. Coach Schler has recently assisted with both the men's and women's teams.

The Havelock High School basketball teams will open their season on Tuesday, November 25th at home vs. Northside.

## HHS ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Dr. Jeffrey Murphy, Principal

Jeff Snead, William Byland & Bridgette Carson, Assistant Principals

Michele Buday, Curriculum Coordinator

#### 1ST QUARTER PERFECT ATTENDANCE

#### 9th Grade

Tariq Ballinger Ian Bamford Khalil Barrett Solomon Beligotti Ethan Bitler Landon Boroday **Darius Brice** Nydia Brown **Brian Bunton** Isaiah Calhoun Gage Collins Alexander Everest Chania Farrow Kymm Felarca Veronica Foreman Jaylin Frazier Tysheana George Charles Gilstorff William Godette Brian Gooch Margi Hathorn Chandler Howard Aaliyah Jarman Krystian Kinsey Selena Li Perlene Lujan Paola Macias Sanchez Savannah Martin Kamie Mays Andrew McElroy James McPike Ryan Pappas Shayne Parnell Jordyn Pridgen Mackenzie Pruitt Jada Randles **Brandon Romero** Tomas Rosas Parada Kaley Simcox Ira Sinclair Cody Smith Aigne Taylor **Donovan Thomas Dillon Vander Bogart** Judith Vargas Castillo Tayah Walker Caroline Werner Makayla Wills

Kevin Zhao

#### 10th Grade

**Anthony Bell** Caleb Bostian Alyssa Brashear Kirah Bryant Marcellina Bueno Tommy Cabrera Roberto Carrasco Corey Cooper Steven Craig Alayna Davis Racheal Dawson Darrell Fisher Caleb Francis Seth Francis Marcus Harden Yuva Hasebe Yakarra Jones Jonathan Kim **Gavin Lewis** Phyacia Manning Shammond McClain Sabryna Miller **Timothy Moss** Sophia Nelson Tiara Parchman Kiara Pettigrew Logan Reed Kirsten Rettig **Ashley Riggs** Justin Sabdo Clyde Shaeffer **Tony Sharpe** Levi Skinner **Zackery Small** John Thompson **Zachary Tobin** Samantha Tuckness Alejandro Verduzco Collette Vladimery Justin Ward Alyssa Wenzel Brianna Wightman

William Yables

#### 11th Grade

**Bobbie Adams Hunter Anderson** Ashton Baker Caleb Barclay Jasmine Baring Mariah Becton Megan Beese Philip Buffa **Darien Collins Riley Collins** Carley Daggett **Chandler Day** Jeffrey Doll Victoria Everhart Mark George Caleb Godette Megan Hallett **Austin Jeffries** Tanner Johnson Joshua Kelly Richard Lawrence Wylie Leinbach Keegan Margoupis Evan Mike Blake Montanye Hannah Noel **Kevin Petteway** Luzero Ponce **Amber Renwick** Kristal Renwick Mikala Roberts Hayley Russell Samantha Sanchez Gabrielle Smith-Barrett Michelle Soriano Jacob Stain James Stillwell Erika Takeda Satsuki Tazawa Jacob Thorn Michael Twiddy **Zachary Vernier** David Villanueva **Shelby Werner** Ryan Wickman

JaQualon Williams

#### 12th Grade

Kelsey Alexander Zaniah Bell Thomas Buckner Celeste Cabrera Katie Cerjan Madelyn Eastman **Christian Everest** Tyler Gares Megan Godette Haylea Hankins **Kevin Harrington Austin Hopper** Ransford Johnson **Terry Jones Gualberto Martinez** Janae Mays **Emily McElroy** Martez Morris Samantha Morris Hannah Murray Maria Nieto Joshua Nolen Laneisha Nolon **Christopher Payne** Jaquan Respers Matthew Revenaugh Alex Rodriguez Manchur Erin Schulte **Taylor Self** Sydney Toon

Senica Weakley