

VIKING VOICE

MARCH/APRIL 2023

H-F COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL



HOMWOOD-FLOSSMOOR

Dear Viking Families —

We continue to build momentum on achieving our goals established at the start of the school year, related to academic excellence, school spirit and belonging, two-way communication and partnership. As partners in the educational process, we ensure that each student is supported in their Viking journey.

#1: Academic Excellence — In the first semester, we boast the highest passing rate for students since the 2016-17 school year. Our students are challenging themselves academically and our staff supports them to achieve. From classroom lessons through academic interventions for students needing additional support, we are assuring students are learning and passing their classes.

#2: School Spirit & Sense of Belonging — Students returned from winter break to be greeted by Viking-wrapped doors, windows and elevators in both the South and North Buildings. The infusion of our school colors and messaging has brought energy to the school. We've even seen students taking selfies to post to social media spreading their Viking pride! Students in the **Principal's Advisory Council** have led the charge to promote school-wide incentives for positive behavior, the addition of a spring pep rally and planning for the senior trip.

#3: Communication — We continue to encourage two-way communication and seek input from students, staff, families and community. The Illinois 5essentials Survey is currently open for the Viking community to share their thoughts about our school. We encourage you to take a few minutes to tell us what you think at: <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/>.



#4: Partnership — Working with the Homewood-Flossmoor Parent Association (HFPA), we will be hosting the Dad Squad in March. Dads and male legal guardians will be on campus to encourage students in the hallways throughout the day and to learn about our academics, student supports, athletics and activities while students are in classes. We are grateful for the efforts of the HFPA and our Dad Squad volunteers for this partnership.

— *Dr. Clinton Alexander, Principal*

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Career Fair: March 13

This will be the 21st year that H-F has showcased vocations for Viking students in the H-F Fieldhouse, as a way to inspire and encourage them to envision their bright futures. This year's fair is set for Monday, March 13, from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Students will have an opportunity to walk through the Fieldhouse during their PE, Health or Driver Education class to speak with professionals from a variety of careers, including medicine, law, communications, engineering, government, business and more.

For more details on this event — or if you are interested in being an exhibitor this year — please contact Cindy Hayes at 708-335-5605 or chayes@hf233.org.

Summer Driver Education Pre-Registration: March 15

H-F is offering a summer program that includes both Driver Education Classroom and Behind-the-Wheel instruction to students in District 233. This year the classroom session will run June 6- July 3, and three behind-the-wheel sessions will be offered: June 6-13; June 14-22 and June 23-30. Classes are for residents of the district who will be age 16 before Nov. 1, 2023. Pre-registration will be held via a Google Form, which will open at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15, on the H-F website: www.HFHighSchool.org. When filling out the form, please keep in mind that a picture of the student's Instruction Permit from the DMV will be required. You will receive a confirmation email once the pre-registration form is approved.

For more information, please contact Lisa Martin at 708-335-5335 or lisa.martin@hf233.org.



School Testing Days: April 12 & 13



Sharpen your pencils! This year's School Testing Days are set for April 12 & 13.

Here are the details by grade level:

- **FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORES*** — Our underclassmen will take the PSAT on Thursday, April 13. This exam consists of tests in Reading, Math and Writing & Language. The Math test has two sections: one that permits a calculator and one that does not. Wednesday, April 12, will be an asynchronous remote day for all of their classes.
- **JUNIORS*** — Wednesday, April 12, is a big day for our juniors. They will take the official SAT exam, the results of which are accepted by colleges and universities for admission and scholarship consideration. There is no cost for this exam on this day; you may select up to three schools for score submission and indicate them on the day of the exam. Thursday, April 13, will be an asynchronous remote day for all of their classes.
- **SENIORS**** — There is no scheduled test for our seniors! On Wednesday, April 12, there are no classes for seniors. This day is a good opportunity for seniors to complete college or scholarship applications, to tour campuses or prepare for post-secondary plans. Thursday, April 13, will be an asynchronous remote learning day for all of their classes.

Students who are testing: Be sure to get a good night's rest, eat a healthy breakfast, and bring a snack, pencils, calculator and your ID to test day. Juniors are encouraged to prepare by using the Assessment Department's [Online Test Prep with Khan Academy](#) resource. More information will be coming from the H-F Assessment Office as the dates approach. Questions? Please contact **Celine Bucci** at 708-335-5584, celine.bucci@hf233.org.

**Students with accommodations may test on one or both test days.*

***Seniors who still need to take the SAT to fulfill the graduation requirement will do so on April 12 with the juniors.*

MARCH

HOMWOOD-FLOSSMOOR COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 Block 2 LATE-START DAY	2 Block 3 VIKING COMPASS DAY	3 Periods 1-7	4
5	6 Institute Day NO CLASSES Drop-In Class of '23 Senior Portraits 9 a.m.-Noon, South Gym Tryouts: Boys' Volleyball 2 p.m. North & South Gyms	7 Block 1 VIKING COMPASS DAY <i>Home Opener!</i> Boys' Water Polo vs. Hinsdale South 5 p.m. Natatorium	8 Block 2 LATE-START DAY <i>Home Opener!</i> Girls' Water Polo vs. Richards 5 p.m. Natatorium	9 Block 3 VIKING COMPASS DAY	10 Periods 1-7 <i>Spirit Day: Wacky Day!</i>	11 Operation Snowflake & Snowflurries 7 a.m., South Building
12 Spring Orchestra Concert 2 p.m. Mall Auditorium Spring Choir Concert 6 p.m. Mall Auditorium	13 Periods 1-7 Career Fair 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Fieldhouse <i>Home Openers!</i> Baseball vs. Oak Lawn 4:30 p.m. Varsity Field Badminton Quad 5 p.m. Fieldhouse	14 Block 1 VIKING COMPASS DAY Music Dept. Honors Recital 1:30 p.m. Mall Auditorium	15 Block 2 LATE-START DAY Winter Athletic Awards 7 p.m. South Gym	16 Block 3 VIKING COMPASS DAY Group Interpretation Performance 7 p.m. PAC	17 Periods 1-7 3RD QUARTER ENDS	18 <i>Home Opener!</i> Lacrosse vs. Lemont 10 a.m. North Field
19	20 Periods 1-7 H-F DAD SQUAD DAY! <i>Home Opener!</i> Softball vs. Mother McAuley 4:30 p.m. Varsity Field	21 Block 1 VIKING COMPASS DAY D233 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. South Building	22 Block 2 LATE-START DAY <i>Home Opener!</i> Boys' Volleyball vs. Oak Lawn 5:30 p.m. South Gym	23 Block 3 VIKING COMPASS DAY	24 Periods 1-7 <i>Spirit Day: Sunday Day!</i> Boys' Volleyball Invitational 5 p.m. Fieldhouse	25 Boys' Volleyball Invitational 9 a.m. Fieldhouse
26	27 Periods 1-7	28 Block 1 VIKING COMPASS DAY Spring Jazz Concert 7 p.m. PAC	29 Block 2 LATE-START DAY Students of the 3rd Quarter 7:30 a.m. Viking Room	30 Block 3 VIKING COMPASS DAY	31 Periods 1-7	

BLOCK 1 DAY: PERIOD 1, 2, 3, 5 & 4 / LATE-START BLOCK 2 DAY: PERIOD 7, 6, 5 & 4 / BLOCK 3 DAY: PERIOD 1, 2, 3, 6 & 7



APRIL

HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

Tear-Out Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1
2	S P R I N G R E C E S S					8
9	10	11 Periods 1-7 CLASSES RESUME! <i>Home Opener!</i> Girls' Soccer vs. LW West 6:15 p.m. H-F Stadium	12 School Test Day SCHEDULE WILL VARY BY GRADE	13 School Test Day SCHEDULE WILL VARY BY GRADE Early College & Career Awareness Program 7:30 p.m. South Building E1	14 Periods 1-7 <i>Spirit Day: Dress Like a Teacher Day!</i>	15
16	17 Periods 1-7	18 Block 1 VIKING COMPASS DAY Spanish NHS Induction 3:15 p.m. North Cafeteria D233 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. South Building	19 Block 2 LATE-START DAY	20 Block 3 VIKING COMPASS DAY Mu Alpha Theta Induction 4 p.m. South Cafeteria Musical: <i>Tuck Everlasting</i> 7 p.m. Mall Auditorium	21 Periods 1-7 <i>Spirit Day: Senior Citizen Day!</i> Musical: <i>Tuck Everlasting</i> 7 p.m. Mall Auditorium	22 Badminton Invitational 8:30 a.m. Fieldhouse Senior Day! Girls' Track & Field Invitational 10 a.m. Stadium Musical: <i>Tuck Everlasting</i> 7 p.m. Mall Auditorium
23/30	24 Periods 1-7	25 Block 1 VIKING COMPASS DAY National Art Honor Society Induction 6 p.m. PAC	26 Block 2 LATE-START DAY Edda Showcase 6 p.m. South Building E1	27 Block 3 VIKING COMPASS DAY	28 Institute Day NO CLASSES <i>Senior Night!</i> Boys' Track & Field Invitational 4:30 p.m. H-F Stadium	29

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Next Up: Spring Sports

Get ready to cheer on the Vikings in 11 different sports this season! View full schedules at www.il.8to18.com/HF

BADMINTON

Home Opener:

March 13 • 5 p.m. • Fieldhouse
vs. LW Central, Oak Forest &
Hinsdale South

BASEBALL

Home Opener:

March 13 • 4:30 p.m. • Varsity
Field vs. Oak Lawn

BOYS' LACROSSE

Home Opener:

March 18 • 10 a.m. • North
Field vs. Lemont

BOYS' TENNIS

Home Opener:

April 6 • 4:30 p.m. • North
Courts vs. LW West

BOYS' TRACK & FIELD

Home Opener:

April 28 • 4:30 p.m. • Stadium

BOYS' VOLLEYBALL

Home Opener:

March 22 • 5:30 p.m. •
South Gym vs. Oak Lawn

BOYS' WATER POLO

Home Opener:

March 7 • 5 p.m. • Natatorium
vs. Hinsdale South

GIRLS' SOCCER

Home Opener:

April 11 • 6:15 p.m. • Stadium
vs. LW West

GIRLS' TRACK & FIELD

Home Opener:

April 22 • 10 a.m. • Stadium

GIRLS' WATER POLO

Home Opener:

March 8 • 5 p.m. • Natatorium
vs. Richards

SOFTBALL

Home Opener:

March 20 • 5 p.m. •
Varsity Field
vs. Mother McAuley



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**Congrats
to our Students
&
Teachers of the
2nd Quarter!**



Seven of our Students of the 2nd Quarter are pictured above with Associate Principal Shannon Swilley: [seated] Oliver Stickney (CTE); Jose Serrato (English); and Frances Smith (Fine Arts); and [standing] Camryn Kelly (World Language); Cameron Jackson (Reading); Quinn Hanna (Science); and Annabelle Rudan (PE/Health/DE). Additional Students of the 2nd Quarter are: TomMya Lyons (Math); Khamani Young (Guidance); and Kerou Zhou (Social Science).



Below are the student-selected Teachers of the 2nd Quarter, flanked by Superintendent Dr. Scott Wakeley & Principal Dr. Clinton Alexander, left to right: BJ Engrav (Fine Arts Teacher / Orchestra Director); Fatima Simmons (Special Education Teacher); Ameera Odeh (English Teacher); Paul Fasse (Math Teacher); Daniel Gould (English Teacher); Reggie Brown (English Teacher / H-F alumnus); Matt Raglione (Special Education Teacher); and Jeffrey Corso (English Teacher). Additional Teachers of the 2nd Quarter are Rick Pavinato (Science Teacher) and Kanoa Mulling (English Teacher / H-F alumnus).



Dec./Jan. Students of the Month

Congratulations to our Dec./Jan. Students of the Month! You've inspired us by your hard work during some of the busiest and coldest months of the year. Kudos to (pictured above left to right with Principal Dr. Clinton Alexander): **Zavier Scott** (PE/Health/DE); **Autumn Papiez** (English); **Trenton Rosebough** (Science); **DeAnna Williams** (Math); **Teresa Plummer** (World Language: Chinese); **Ave Van Til** (Fine Arts); **Emma Steiner** (World Language: French); and **Tolani Babawale** (Science).

[Not pictured: **Bryan Gougis** (World Language: Spanish); **Emma Leak** (Fine Arts); **Tyler Pruitt** (Math); and **Amari Smith** (Student Support).]

Class of 2023 Scholarship Recipients



Congratulations to H-F senior **Jada Marsh**, who was matched with Northwestern U. through the QuestBridge Scholarship program! She has received a full-ride scholarship to NU.

Congratulations to H-F senior **Rodney Branch**, who has received a full-ride scholarship through the Western Golf Association's Chick Evans Scholar program!





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**H-F Theatre
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**Tuck
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**April 20-22
7 p.m.
Mall Auditorium**

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\$5/student/ senior**

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J.R. WILLARD-ROSE**



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