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Homer High School

FROM THE DESK OF MR. SIMMS...

Once again, we find ourselves making preparations for end of school activities and the closing of yet another year of school. Students should be reminded that school is in session until May 19, and their being up to date and keeping up with assignments is imperative. Any student who fails a course will be given the chance to complete a credit recovery course during the months of June and July. Please speak with your student and make sure they are keeping up with assignments, turning in projects, and making efforts to make up missed work as appropriate.

EOC testing will begin on April 23rd. We will test for several weeks until all students in Alg I, Eng I, Eng II, Biology, and American History have been tested and some students retested. This is a part of graduation requirements, so please emphasize the importance of doing well on these tests to ensure their chances to walk across the stage at graduation.

Seniors, please make sure you have completed a FAFSA form or a waiver before graduation. This is a new requirement implemented by the state before you can graduate.

GREAT THINGS HAPPENING AT HOMER HIGH SCHOOL

15 STUDENTS WERE TREATED TO LUNCH AT LOG CABIN ON MARCH 15TH FOR THEIR 4.0 GPAS FOR THE 2ND NINE WEEKS GRADING PERIOD. EACH 9 WEEKS, MR. SIMMS TREATS STUDENTS WHO MAINTAIN THEIR 4.0 TO LUNCH AT AN AREA RESTAURANT. CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO WORK HARD TO MAINTAIN THIS 4.0 GPA.

JACOB CECCARELLI AND CARRIE DRISKILL PLACED 3RD IN THE STATE AT THE SMALL ENGINES COMPETITION IN BATON ROUGE. JACOB HAD THE 2ND BEST TIME OF ALL COMPETITORS AT THE COMPETITION.

STEPHEN FAULK WILL REPRESENT HOMER HIGH SCHOOL AT THE STATE LITERARY RALLY ON APRIL 21 HELD ON THE LSU CAMPUS IN BATON ROUGE. HE PLACED 1ST IN BIOLOGY AT THE REGIONAL LITERARY RALLY HELD AT LA TECH IN FEBRUARY.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



TAVARIOUS WILLIAMS WAS RECOGNIZED AT THE GEORGE RODRIGUE FOUNDATIONS LUNCHEON ON MARCH 24 IN NEW ORLEANS. HE RECEIVED A PORTION OF \$45,000 SCHOLARSHIP MONEY FOR HIS ART ENTRY.

Summer EOC Remediation

Summer remediation will begin on May 23 and will run through June 14. Remediation will be in the computer lab Monday thru Thursday 8-12. ANY discipline issue will cause you to be dismissed until testing.

Retesting is June 18-23; specific testing times will be posted by June 13th on the front door and website.

Science Fair Participants/Museum archive tour:

Mariah West, Maria Lumbreras, and Chandler Glanc competed at the state science fair at LSU on March 21. They represented Homer High School in a very positive manner – we are proud of your hard work.

These students, along with Taneshia Lynn were also treated to a New Orleans trip for raising their ACT score at least one point during their senior year. They were able to tour the French Quarter, sample the local cuisine, and tour the Reading room of New Orleans.

Important Dates

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- April 7 – Prom
- April 9 – Jr/ Sr final payment
- April 10 – Selected sophomores to hospital for program
- April 16 – Juniors to NW Tech College in Minden
- April 18 – District Track/Plain Dealing
- April 19 – Progress Reports go home
- April 21 – State literary rally
- April 23-May 11 – EOC testing
- April 24 – Regional Track/Cedar Creek
- April 26 – Scholars Banquet/Fair Barn in Haynesville
- April 27 – Ring Ceremony
- May 1 - FFA Banquet
- May 1-4 – Senior Finals
- May 4 – State Track meet
- May 10 – Graduation
- May 15-18 – Final Exams
- May 19 – Last day of school

**Positive
Enthusiastic
Learners
Succeed**

FFA News:

FFA banquet is scheduled for May 1, 2018 at the Homer City Hall.

Our small engines team competed in the state competition and placed 4th overall. Congratulations!!!

FFA & 4-H members attended the leadership summit at Louisiana Tech University on March 2. They learned about importance of taking leadership responsibilities within their club, school, and community.

Counselor's Corner

EOC and ACT prep items can now be located at <https://hhseocstudyguide.weebly.com>. This website also contains career exploration tools and personality inventories. If you need help accessing the website or any of the features on the website please contact Mrs. Hollis – Counselor.

Group Therapy and Private Counseling Sessions are now available to the student body at Homer High School. To find out more about the counseling services offered please visit <https://hhsounselingservices.weebly.com>.

Seniors need to schedule a meeting with Mrs. Hollis, counselor, before the end of school. She would also like to discuss your plans after high school and begin a tracking element to see where students go. This would also serve as an 'exit interview' on things that may help improve our ability to help better prepare and better guide students in the future in their plans for after high school.



PBIS REWARDS



We are continuing to accept donations to our PBIS account. This account is used to reward students who maintain higher GPA requirements, have no discipline issues, and maintain a less than 2 absence policy during any grading period. These students are given the opportunity to attend a rewards day. Previous opportunities have been a lake trip, bowling, skating, movie, etc. If you'd like to help contribute to this reward program, please contact the school office.

“Success does not consist in never making mistakes but in never making the same one a second time.”

–George Bernard Shaw

ART NEWS

Tavarious Williams placed among the top 16 students throughout the state of Louisiana in the George Rodrigue Art competition. Over 600 entries were received, and the 16 chosen students will receive a portion of \$45,000 in scholarship money for the educational career. Tavarious placed 2nd in the senior division. He was awarded a \$5500 scholarship to the college of his choice and several hundred dollars worth of art supplies. His art work will be traveling the state and on display at several festivals.

ATHLETICS



4/18 – Plain Dealing track meet

4/24 – Cedar Creek regional track meet

5/4 - State Track Meet

Boys' Basketball tryouts are scheduled for April 13th. See Coach Guin for further details and information ASAP.

NURSE'S CORNER----

Reminder to all students on Prescription medications:



The nurse must have a doctor's order and prescription on file with the nurse's office in order for you to have any type of medication on campus. All prescriptions must be signed in to the office by a parent/guardian and there should never be any over the counter drugs carried by students. NO ONE should ever share any type of medication with another person on campus at any time. If you have a temporary medical prescription, this also must be checked in at the office and a written notification to the nurse must be presented.