



STUDENT & PARENT EDITION

MISTIE'S MESSAGE

(8/29/21 TO 9/3/21)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Schedule of Events					 Sr High Football @ Strong (7:00)	

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	The Next Tuesday
Lunch Options	1	Asian Chicken Wrap	Poppy Chicken Casserole	Cheeseburger	Pizza Sliders	Crispitos	Beef Gordita
	2	Beef Broccoli Stir Fry	Mini Corn Dogs	BBQ Sandwich	Ham & Cheese Sliders	Chef Salad	Chicken & Cheese Nachos

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:



Mrs. Tabitha is waiting on new parking passes to arrive. Once they arrive, she will call you out to get your pass and pay. Be sure that you email her a copy of your driver's license, registration, and insurance ahead of time.

- QUARANTINED STUDENTS:** In the event that you are quarantined and unable to attend school, you will be required to Zoom into each class daily. The teachers will share a Zoom link, and you will join each class. If you do not have internet access, you must notify the school, and we will sign out a WiFi box for the duration of your quarantine. [CLICK HERE](#) to see the HHS bell schedule.

- [CLICK HERE](#) to see the answers to any other COVID related questions within the Hermitage School District.
- Friday night will be the first football game of the season. Everyone should make the short drive to Strong and cheer on the Senior High Hustin' Hermits at 7:00 PM!



COACHES



SENIORS



JUNIORS



SOPHOMORES

- **ACT TESTS** - Juniors and Seniors are eligible for fee waivers which allows them to take the ACT at no cost. They **MUST** see Mrs. Shelly Wolfe to get these!

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
October 23, 2021	September 17, 2021	October 1, 2021
December 11, 2021	November 5, 2021	November 19, 2021

WEEKLY HANDBOOK REVIEW:

- **HHS Attendance Policy:** (I have highlighted some of the **MOST** important parts of the policy!)

Excused Absences

Excused absences are those where the student was on official school business or when the absence was due to one of the following reasons and the student brings a written statement to the principal or designee upon his/her return to school from the parent or legal guardian stating such reason. A written statement presented for an absence having occurred more than five (5) school days prior to its presentation will **not** be accepted.

1. The student's illness or when attendance could jeopardize the health of other students. A maximum of six (6) such days are allowed per semester unless the condition(s) causing such absences is of a chronic or recurring nature, is medically documented, and approved by the principal.
2. Death or serious illness in their immediate family;
3. Observance of recognized holidays observed by the student's faith;
4. Attendance at an appointment with a government agency;
5. Attendance at a medical appointment;
6. Exceptional circumstances with prior approval of the principal;
7. Participation in an FFA, FHA, or 4-H sanctioned activity;
8. Participation in the election poll workers program for high school students.
9. Absences granted to allow a student to visit his/her parent or legal guardian who is a member of the military and been called to active duty, is on leave from active duty, or has returned from deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting. The number of additional excused absences shall be at the discretion of the superintendent or designee.
10. Absences granted, at the Superintendent's discretion, to seventeen (17) year-old students who join the Arkansas National Guard while in eleventh grade to complete basic combat training between grades eleven (11) and (12).

11. Absences for students excluded from school by the Arkansas Department of Health during a disease outbreak because the student has an immunization waiver or whose immunizations are not up to date.

Students who serve as pages for a member of the General Assembly shall be considered on instructional assignment and shall not be considered absent from school for the day the student is serving as a page.

Unexcused Absences

Absences not defined above or not having an accompanying note from the parent; legal guardian; person having lawful control of the student; or person standing in loco parentis, presented in the timeline required by this policy, shall be considered as unexcused absences. **Students with 2 unexcused absences in a course in a semester may not receive credit for that course.** At the discretion of the principal after consultation with persons having knowledge of the circumstances of the unexcused absences, the student may be denied promotion or graduation. Excessive absences shall not be a reason for expulsion or dismissal of a student.

When a student has 1 unexcused absence, his/her parents, legal guardians, persons with lawful control of the student, or persons in loco parentis shall be notified within 3 days of the absence. Notification shall be by telephone.

Whenever a student exceeds 2 unexcused absences in a semester, the District shall notify the prosecuting authority and the parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the student, or persons in loco parentis shall be subject to a civil penalty as prescribed by law.

It is the Arkansas General Assembly's intention that students having excessive absences be given assistance in obtaining credit for their courses. Therefore, at any time prior to when a student exceeds the number of unexcused absences permitted by this policy, the student, or his/her parent, legal guardian, person with lawful control of the student, or person standing in loco parentis may petition the school or district's administration for special arrangements to address the student's unexcused absences. If formal arrangements are granted, they shall be formalized into a written agreement which will include the conditions of the agreement and the consequences for failing to fulfill the agreement's requirements. The agreement shall be signed by the student, the student's parent; legal guardian; person having lawful control of the student; or person standing in loco parentis, and the school or district administrator or designee.

Students who attend in-school suspension shall not be counted absent for those days.

Days missed due to out-of-school suspension or expulsion shall be unexcused absences.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Sept 3rd - FB @ Strong**
- **Sept 6th - Labor Day Holiday (No School)**
- **Sept 7th-8th - iReady Diagnostic 1 for Math and Literacy**

- **Sept 9th-10th - County Fair**
- **Sept 14th - Parent/ Teacher Conferences (3:30-7:30)**