

HALLS HIGH SCHOOL



FFA WINS WEST TENNESSEE!

Conduct of a Chapter Meeting West Tennessee Champions

The Conduct of a Chapter Meeting team took first place in West Tennessee in their competition which was held on December 5 and 7 at South Gibson County High School. This qualifies the team to participate in the state competition which will be held in Gatlinburg in March 2018. Hayden Cherry also won the All-West President Award. Pictured from L to R: Maddie Haynes, Hayden Cherry, Lexi Ward, Brylee Pride, Shelby Hilliard, Malaysia Flowers, Shelby Etheridge and Callie Young.

FINAL EXAMS

Final exams will be held on December 19 and 20. See last page for details

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Christmas break will begin at 11:30 on December 20

BACK TO SCHOOL

Classes will resume on Monday, January 8, 2018

HHS Service

Our students have provided service opportunities through the following events:

DECA and Interact sponsored a food drive at Thanksgiving.

FFA participated in a food drive at Halloween.

NHS raised \$787.87 for St. Jude.

DECA raised \$300 to donate to the Halls Veteran's Museum



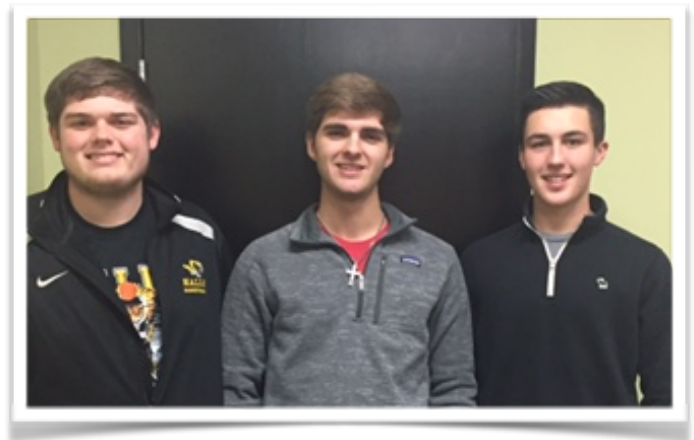
HHS is decorated for the holidays including this '47 Chevy replica built by the construction and art classes.

HHS Students participate in West-Star Leadership

Team Building, Trust, Career Exploration

Three HHS students, Tanner Ream, Grant Crihfield, and Hayden Kimble, had the opportunity to participate in the West Star Youth Leadership program at the University of Tennessee at Martin. West Star is an organization that works to build community leaders with both adults and students.

The students spent the weekend with students from across Tennessee to understand the importance of leadership in the workplace and our communities. The boys participated in teamwork and trust exercises, visited the schools of their chosen professions, and even had the opportunity to dine with Miss Tennessee in an activity geared toward proper etiquette in a fine dining, formal setting.



“You can’t do anything in the business world without working as a team. You have to trust your co-workers.”

All three boys stated that this was an experience they felt would benefit them as they prepare to leave HHS and enter their post-secondary education experience as they work toward their chosen career field. Tanner visited the school of nursing, Hayden visited the school of engineering, and Grant visited the school of sports management.

HHS has been helping all students prepare for post-secondary success through our FOCUS Friday sessions.

BIBLE HISTORY AND DECA SPONSOR EXTENDED RESOURCE CLASS

Adopting a class and providing opportunities for all students to engage with each other has been a focus of our Bible History Class and DECA. Bible History is taught by Mrs. Leah Camp, DECA is sponsored by Ms. Joni Ketchum, and Extended Resource is taught by Mrs. Tracie Taylor. Ms. Camp’s class worked with Mrs. Taylor’s class to decorate Christmas shirts. DECA will be hosting a cookie decorating party. The partnership with these students has been a great experience for all!



Increased Focus on ACT - “the proof is in student achievement”.

ACT is a very important test for students who are currently in high school. The ACT test which is administered to all juniors provides scores that allow students and post-secondary institutions an understanding of a student’s academic readiness. This score is not only important for students who plan on attending a two or four year college, TCAT, the military, and other post-secondary options also use these scores to determine placement. Scholarship opportunities and entrance are also heavily weighted by ACT scores.

The ACT measures four areas of academic readiness - reading, math, English, and science. ACT is something we discuss every day at HHS. We provide students with an ACT word of the day during morning announcements to help increase their vocabulary. Teachers work to create a cross walk between ACT standards and Tennessee State standards for students. While teaching a standard, teachers explain how that standard will be tested on the End of Course test as well as how it will be tested on the ACT.

For the second year, HHS provides 3 opportunities for all students to take a practice ACT test. Once students have completed the test, teachers go over the results with them during advisory sessions. Each student at HHS has used their ACT projections provided by the state department of education along with their chosen career path to set goals.

Seniors had the opportunity again this year to take the test here at HHS free of charge. Prior to the senior retake, we offered prep sessions

for each of the four areas of the test. Thirty-one percent of the seniors who took the retake increased their score.

We have implemented ways to recognize the hard work of our students on the ACT with the following recognitions:

28 and Above Wall

Increasing score by 3 or more

Meeting all 4 benchmarks

We are pleased to recognize the following students for 28 and above:

William Rasp, Grant Crihfield, Landon Carmack, Evan Rodgers, and Jacob Hartsfield.

Increasing score by 3 or more:

Grant Crihfield, Zach Fain, Wil Fortune, Lane Klutts, William Rasp, and Chad Reed.

Meeting all 4 benchmarks

Landon Carmack, Tobie Caviness, Grant Crihfield, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Wil Fortune, Marisol Hernandez, Hayden Kimble, Sarah Kissell, Blake Marbry, Enrique Mendiola, William Rasp, Evan Rodgers, and Nathan Wright.

Other Highlights

Construction classes have made the following additions to our campus: a new awning at the barn, a pavilion behind the gym, and currently are constructing a storage building.

Final Exam Schedule

Mid-term exams - Mid-term exams are given at the discretion of the teacher.

Final Exams -

- **ALL students who are in a semester class will take a final exam.**
- **ALL final exams are to be given during the scheduled time. Students MUST stay in your classroom for the entire exam period.**
- **EOC Classes - the EOC serves as the final exam grade and students do not have to attend the scheduled exam time unless they have make-up work or any additional classwork they may need to complete. Students should check with their teachers prior to exam day.**

Final Exam Dates/Times

Tuesday, December 19

1st Block - 7:58 - 9:17

Breakfast Break - 9:22 - 9:37

2nd Block - 9:42 - 10:57

3rd Block - 11:02 - 12:17

Wednesday, December 20

4/5 Block Exam - 7:58 - 8:45

Breakfast Break - 8:45 - 9:00

6th Block Exam - 9:05 - 10:15

Transportation -

Tuesday - Buses will run on a regular schedule

Wednesday - Buses will run at 11:30 a.m.

Exam attendance - Students must only attend during the class period in which they have an exam. Students must stay the entire class period for each exam.

Leaving campus - Students are allowed to leave campus during exam days if they do not have an exam. Transportation will only be provided as outlined in the transportation schedule above. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school.

Supervision will be provided for all students who remain at the school when they are not testing. They should report to their regularly scheduled class.

Holiday Dress Up

We will be allowing students to participate in Holiday Dress Up days - the schedule is below:

Wednesday - Red and Green Day

Thursday - Christmas Character Day - characters from favorite Christmas movies, books, etc.

Friday - Ugly Sweater Day

Students may wear leggings as part of their outfit as long as they wear shorts over them or a shirt that is knee length. We will allow athletic shorts and/or sweat pants. **NO PAJAMAS.**