



HCHS Today

Hononegah Community High School, 307 Salem Street, Rockton, Illinois 61072

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 15	First Day Freshman Only
August 16	Teacher Institute Day - No Student Attendance
August 17	First Day for All Students
August 31	Back to School Night
September 5	Labor Day - No School
September 7	Late Start
September 14	First Nine Weeks Mid-Term
September 23	Homecoming

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UNDERCLASS PORTRAIT DAYS AND SENIOR YEARBOOK

PORTRAIT DAYS Photos will be taken on September 28 and 29th in the Main Gym from 8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. These are later this year due to Homecoming Week.

LATE START DAYS

It is important to note that there are 9 late start days for the 2022-2023 school year. September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7, January 4, February 8, March 8, April 5 and May 3. On late start days, first hour begins at 9:00 a.m. and second hour begins at 9:45 a.m. Students are released from school at 3:15 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION

Hononegah Community High School, along with First Student, provides transportation to one address for each student who qualifies for bussing. We do not allow students to ride any other bus than their assigned one. We do not sign notes to allow a student to ride a different bus route other than their own. If you have an emergency situation it must be arranged through Kelly Rosik in the Principal's Office at 815-624-5005.

EARLY BIRD BUS ROUTES

Do you need to arrive early at school? All Hononegah students have access to Early Bird Bus routes. They can be found [here](#). These routes are designed like city routes with established stops. The routes and a map are posted on the school's website. They are also displayed at the student entrances, in the Library, and the Principal's office. The routes are available to all students who take a 1st hour class.

Mission Statement

Hononegah strives to create a safe and inspiring atmosphere where students become thoughtful scholars, responsible citizens, and effective leaders through quality educational experiences that promote reflective critical thinking, civic engagement, and personal development.

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT

David Kurlinkus

Summer passed quickly. If you've driven by the school, which is quite a challenge right now, you've noticed that quite a bit of work has been done on the campus. The roofing project over the cafeteria section of the building was completed last month. It's large school, and there always seems to be another section of roofing to be worked on.

The tennis court project is coming to completion. The old tennis courts were more than 30 years old and had passed the point of being able to be repaired. The new courts, with their bleachers, will allow Hononegah to host competitions. The new, expanded area will allow more use for PE classes.

If you've driven by the school recently, you know that the Village of Rockton is doing a road construction along Salem Street. As a part of that project, the District is having the drive by the Superintendent's office and the PAC entrance redone, along with the sidewalks on that side of the building. That drive was never designed for the bus traffic that was routed there, and the drainage culvert under it was collapsing. These issues will all be corrected. We are all hoping that the street construction will be completed by the start of school.

This year, we are returning to a couple of events that have disappeared over the past several years. The first is the new teachers' breakfast. This event, held before the start of school, was and is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. At this breakfast meeting, new teachers from Hononegah, Rockton, Kinnikinnick, Prairie Hill, Shirland and South Beloit will have the opportunity to meet each other, area superintendents, governmental leaders and business owners to give them a sense of the community in which they will be teaching. It was always a great tradition that somehow went dormant, but it's back this year.

Another tradition that will be returning this fall is the homecoming bonfire. In the past, this was a great community event that celebrated not only part of homecoming week, but became a community event where families could come together to witness the bonfire. It was especially nice to see families with younger children come out to witness part of the Hononegah tradition. After an absence of a few years, the bonfire will return on school grounds on Thursday, September 22.

All of the foregoing, of course, are for the benefit of our students. The repairs, the tennis courts, the new teacher orientation, even the bonfire, are there to make Hononegah a safe place, a modern school with traditional roots. A place where teachers come to teach our children because they want to, and because they know when they are here, they are teaching the best students in the best district around. As a community, we must always maintain the commitment to be the best.

Our regular Board meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the school library. If you are interested in being placed on the agenda to speak or would like to attend a committee meeting where most of our planning is done, please call the district office at 624-5010. You can always contact me at 389-1382 or e-mail me at dkurli@hononegah.org.

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MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL DOUGHERTY

Greetings, Hononegah Students and Families,

The summer is moving quickly, and I hope you are savoring the warm days relaxing, and enjoying time together with family and friends. As summer rolls on, we are eagerly preparing to welcome students back to Hononegah for another fantastic year! It will be a thrill to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the opening of Hononegah Community High School this school year.

We are ready for the celebration, and we are excited for a more typical year. The Building & Grounds team has been working hard to prepare the building with countless projects, large and small. New tennis courts, updated Foods Lab, roof repairs, cleaning rooms, waxing floors, and lots of street work along Salem, just to name a few. Over the summer, teachers conducted annual curricular evaluations and improvements. We look forward to welcoming students back for a spectacular year that will be *their* chapter in Hononegah Community High School's long and storied history.



We are especially thrilled to welcome the Class of 2026 to the Hononegah family. All incoming freshmen should attend **Freshmen First Day on Monday, August 15th**. This is an important day of attendance for students to learn critical information related to our operations and get oriented to the building. Buses will run normal routes and pick up students at their assigned morning pickup time. That morning students will receive a warm welcome and hear an inspirational message to start the day. They will meet their counselor, learn keys to success at Hononegah, learn about clubs and activities, experience the lunchroom process, and end the day by moving through their schedule and finding their classrooms. This experience is truly essential for freshmen. More information will be sent directly to freshmen' parents.

Returning sophomores, juniors, and seniors will begin on Wednesday, August 17th for the first full day of student attendance.

Again, welcome back returning students, and we are excited to meet the Class of 2026 and students new to Hononegah! I look forward to seeing you on campus. If I may be of assistance to you or your family, please feel free to contact me.

Your friend in education,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chad Dougherty". The signature is stylized with a cursive-like flow.

Chad Dougherty
Principal
Hononegah Community High School



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DRIVING/PARKING FROM THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Driving to school is a privilege that can be revoked by School Administration. Students who choose to drive will park at their own risk. The school is not responsible for damages to their automobiles. As the school year begins, please discuss the following talking points with your student drivers:

1. The speed limit in the HCHS parking lot is 10 m.p.h.
2. Stay off cell phones and proceed using caution, and consideration, when maneuvering within the HCHS parking lot.
3. During end of day dismissal, be alert, cautious, and follow the direction of the police officer directing the traffic out of the parking lot.
4. **DO NOT** park in the designated student lot areas if you did not purchase a parking permit. This includes the main lot, baseball lot, and Ferry Street locations. Parking in any of these areas without a parking permit may result in a \$25.00 fine (1st offense); \$50.00 (2nd offense and beyond), and possible school discipline. Likewise, park only in the permit area you paid.
5. If street parking within the Rockton community pay attention to the posted 'No Parking' signs, yellow curbs, etc. Parking in restricted areas may result in a \$25.00 fine (1st offense); \$50.00 (2nd offense and beyond).
6. The Village of Rockton offers parking at the Rockton Boat Ramp **by permit only**. Only forty (40) permits are available for purchase to park in the designated stalls at the boat ramp during school days/hours. The cost of the permit is \$50.00 / year, and can be purchased through The Village of Rockton. Parking at the Boat Ramp without a parking permit may result in a \$25.00 fine (1st offense); \$50.00 (2nd offense and beyond).
7. Speak with your student about how to proceed if they cause an accident. By law, they are required to either leave proper notice on the vehicle they struck (their name, their vehicle information (registration plate/make/model), address, phone number, insurance information and time of incident), **OR** immediately report the incident to the SRO or HCHS administration. Failure to report even a minor accident without proper notification could result in traffic charges, and possible school discipline (revocation of parking permit).
8. Review the Student Handbook regarding prohibited items while on campus (i.e., alcohol, tobacco, smoking devices, drugs, weapons/look-a-like items). Students have no reasonable expectation of privacy in vehicles parked on school grounds or designated student parking areas. Contraband dogs, administration, and police officers regularly search school lots. Students should be aware that items and spaces on school grounds are subject to search and view by others. Prohibited items discovered during a search may result in discipline, including, but not limited to, expulsion from school with possible criminal charges to apply.

PARKING

Parking stickers are on sale now for the 2022-2023 year. At this time only juniors and seniors are able to apply for a sticker. Please go to the Hononegah website and fill out the form. Once your form has been approved, a confirmation email will be sent letting you know payment information and lot assignment.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FOOD SERVICE

The USDA and the Illinois School Board of Education have announced that free meals will **NOT** continue through the 2022-2023 school year.

Your child(ren) **may** qualify for free/reduced priced meals based on household income. Free/Reduced Meal Applications are ELECTRONIC and can be found in your Family Access Account through Skyward. Toggle to **one** student **not all** students, then under the Food Service Tab click on the Applications button in the center of the page. Click add application and follow the instructions. No more scanning or mailing to the school! Once the application is processed you will be able to see the status of your application on your Family Access Food Service page.

Please complete **one** application per household and per school district. For example, if you have students at Kinnikinnick School District and completed the application for them, you still need to complete an application for Hononegah Community High School as we are two separate school districts.

If you do not have access electronically, a printable application can be found on the HCHS website food & nutrition page in the box at the bottom of the page. Please mail to Director of Food Services at 307 Salem Street Rockton IL 61072, fax to 815-624-5025 or scan in email to msmall@hononegah.org. Please do not take a picture of the application and send in email, it must be the original document scanned.

Meal Prices for the 2022-2023 school year are as follows:

Paid breakfast \$2.25 Paid lunch \$3.30

Reduced breakfast \$0.30 Reduced lunch \$0.40

In your Family Access Account under Food Service you will have access to print a Food Service Statement of all purchases and payments made for the current school year. Access to this statement is effective now until the last day of May 2023. This is a great way to know your food service balance.

DID YOU KNOW that you can sign up to receive low balance notifications in your Family Access Account? Simply log in and click My Account and under settings you can check the box to receive an email that will let you know when the balance is below \$5.00 in your food service account.

PAYMENTS can be made online through Family Access (e-Funds). Cash or check payments can be turned in to the Principal's office with the Bursar, when school is in session. Updated fees for E-Funds for the 2022-2023 school year:

\$1.50 for E-check payments convenience fee is charged for each payment.

\$2.95 for credit/debit card payments convenience fee is charged for every \$100 transaction

NEGATIVE BALANCE emails for all accounts more than \$9.90 (3 lunches) are sent out weekly. Negative balance letters for all accounts more than \$9.90 are sent out monthly. Please make sure to update your email address if it has changed and check your trash or spam folder to ensure you receive these notifications. When paying a negative balance in cash please have exact change. Please remember negative balances carry over year to year.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

GRAPHIC DESIGN STUDENT WINS POSTER COMPETITION

The Graphic Design & Print Media program would like to congratulate Gabriella (Ella) Cotone for her state-winning poster! Ella created a poster for the local chapter of the Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation District. Her poster won the county level competition and just took top honors at the state-level! Ella's poster will now go on to compete nationally.

The 2022 contest theme was "Healthy Soil, Healthy Life". The annual AISWCD Poster Contest, part of the larger national competition hosted by the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), provides students from kindergarten through 12th grade the chance to have their art displayed as part of a national conservation outreach initiative.

Ella's poster reflected the NACD's annual Stewardship theme and highlighted the work of conservation districts and their state conservation associations, auxiliaries and agencies to protect and enhance our natural resources.

Great job Ella!



STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR ACP NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The CTE department would like to congratulate 3 Graphic Design & Print Media students who qualified to attend Certiport's Adobe Certified Professional U.S. National Championship in Dallas, Texas, on June 20-22.

The students who qualified are: Dominik Clark, Kaleb Brien, and Maxwell Tyson.

These students were chosen as national qualifiers after successful certification and submission of original pieces of graphic design work. The Graphic Design & Print Media program, along with the Career and Technical Education department are thrilled for them!

With the help of Hononegah, all three students and one of their parents attended the event to compete. The event included top students from around the United States. They competed in creating an original project for a charitable client. Students had roughly six hours to create their project, after which a team of creative experts decided on the winners. At an awards ceremony the following day, Certiport announced the U.S. National Champions who represented the United States at the 2022 Adobe Certified Professional World Championship in Anaheim, California on July 24th-27th.



Kaleb Brien



Maxwell Tyson



Dominik Clark

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy:

Hononegah Community High School's World Languages Department is proud to award the Seal of Biliteracy and Commendation towards Biliteracy to 17 students in the class of 2022!

The Seal of Biliteracy is an award granted by the Illinois State Board of Education and given by the Hononegah Community High School in recognition and celebration of students who demonstrate a high level of proficiency in English and one or more other languages as measured by performances on an AP Language exam or its equivalent. Hononegah Community High School had 9 students earn the Seal this year, which may be placed on their diplomas.



The Commendation towards Biliteracy award is an award also granted by the Illinois State Board of Education and given by Hononegah Community High School to students who demonstrated intermediate proficiency in English and another language. Hononegah Community High school had 8 students earn Commendation towards Biliteracy and their seals may be placed on their diplomas.

The Seal of Biliteracy builds upon the rich linguistic and cultural assets of the district and community, providing students with the necessary skills to be successful in college, career, and life. The World Languages Department is honored to recognize the following qualified Hononegah seniors who demonstrated proficiency in more than one language:

SEAL OF BILITERACY

Elizabeth Chambers-Spanish
Alexander Hubbell-Spanish
Joseph Kasel-Spanish
Alexandra Lobato-Spanish
Jerry McCullough-Spanish
Kyley Olson-Spanish
Bowen Smith-Spanish
Kaitlyn Wrage-Spanish
Sebastian Wysocki-Spanish

STATE COMMENDATION

Dylan Beilfuss-Spanish
Madison Bunger-Spanish
Julian Carranza-Spanish
Grant Gouwens-Spanish
Arun Kumar-Spanish
Joseph Lengjak-Spanish
Alexandra Lobato-French
Elise Phommachanh-Spanish





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HONONEGAH COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #207

2022-2023 School Calendar

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 SIP / Institute Day
 Late Start

Aug 10, 11, 12	New Teacher Workshop
Aug 15	First Day - FRESHMAN ONLY
Aug 16	Teacher Inst. Day - No Student Attendance
Aug 17	First Day - All Students
Aug 31	Back to School Night
Sept 5	Labor Day—No School
Sept 7	Late Start
Sept 14	First Nine Weeks Mid-Term
Oct 5	Late Start
Oct 6	Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4pm-8pm
Oct 7	Teacher Inst. Day - No Student Attendance
Oct 10	Columbus Day—No School
Oct 14	End of First Nine Weeks (40 days)
Nov 2	Late Start
Nov 7	Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4pm-8pm
Nov 8	Election Day—No School
Nov 14	Second Nine Weeks Mid-Term
Nov 23-25	Thanksgiving—No School
Dec 7	Late Start
Dec 14-16	Semester Exams
Dec 16	End of Second Nine Weeks (41 days)
Dec 16	End of First Semester (81 days)
Dec 19-30	Winter Break —No School
Jan 2	School Resumes
Jan 4	Late Start
Jan 13	Teacher Inst. Day - No Student Attendance
Jan 16	Martin Luther King Day—No School
Feb 3	Third Nine Weeks Mid-Term
Feb 8	Late Start
Feb 24	Lincoln's Birthday—No School
Mar 3	No School
Mar 6	Casimir Pulaski Day—No School
Mar 8	Late Start
Mar 10	End of Third Nine Weeks (45 days)
Mar 27-31	Spring Break—No School
Apr 5	Late Start
Apr 7	Friday before Easter—No School
Apr 12	SAT/PSAT Testing
Apr 13	SAT/PSAT Testing
Apr 21	Fourth Nine Weeks Mid-Term
May 3	Late Start
May 12	Senior Last Day
May 24-26	Semester Exams
May 26	End of Fourth Nine Weeks (49 days)
May 26	End of Second Semester (94 days)
May 26	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
May 27	Graduation
May 29	Memorial Day—No School
May 30	Teacher Inst. Day - No Student Attendance

 Not in Attendance / Holiday
 Parent Teacher Conferences (4p - 8p)

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 Emergency Day

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Athletic Office	815-624-5047
Bursar	815-624-5001
Discipline & Attendance Office	815-624-5020
District Office	815-624-5010
Food Service Director	815-624-5024
Nurse's Office	815-624-5002
Principal's Office	815-624-5005
Records Office	815-624-5068
Student Support Services	815-624-5012



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Our Website...www.hononegah.org



Instagram...#Hononegahindians



HONONEGAH HOPE FOUNDATION



H.O.P.E. Foundation

Feast on the Field Tailgate Party

Friday, September 23rd

**Guests will enjoy a tailgate feast on the field,
and then watch the game and fireworks display!**

Homecoming & 100 Year Celebration

\$20 per person 6:30pm - end of fireworks display.

**Tickets can be purchased on our Facebook page starting July 25th.
Event will take place under the white tent next to the new scoreboard.
Proof of ticket purchase upon arrival.**