

STAFF NEWSLETTER



HJUHS


HANFORD JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Preparing Today's Students for Tomorrow's World

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Coming Up:



Payday is December 30th!
Checks will be sent to the school sites for pick up as usual.

For Certificated staff receiving a stipend on the Dec. 20th supplemental payroll, those checks will be available to pick up from your school sites rather than being mailed.

District PD Day
January 31, 2020

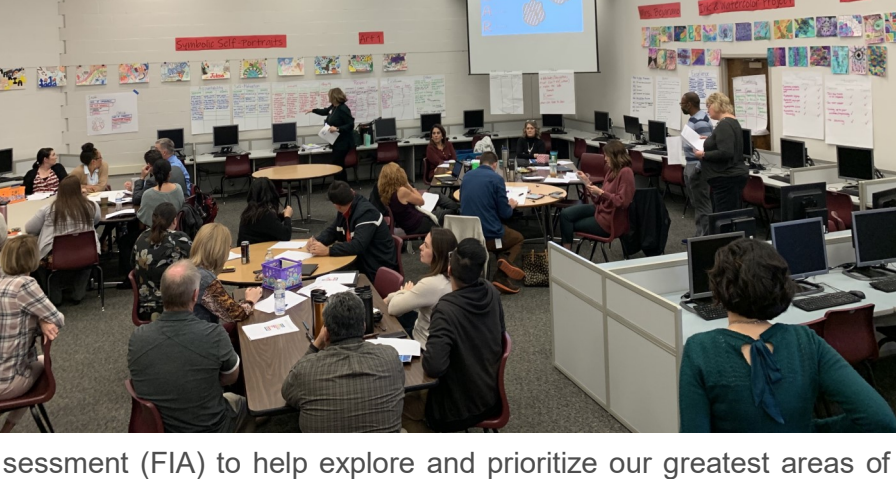
Superintendent's Message

Winter Break is upon us already and I cannot be more pleased with all that we have been able to accomplish in this first semester and with the momentum we have for next semester. Winter break may be restful for some, but it will be very busy for many including MOT which has a ton of scheduled maintenance in addition to moving Sierra Pacific Administration and Staff into their new building. In addition IT is overhauling our entire phone system to address the concerns we have had for

some time now. During the install and transition, we should expect some downtime with our phones. Everyone will receive a link to some sort of PDF or web-based training, but the system is very intuitive and simple to use.



MTSS Team Work in Full Swing at HJUHS!



MTSS Implementation Teams from each school site and the district have been meeting and planning in our effort to expand RTI into a full Multi-Tiered System of Supports. So far, each site and the district have taken lengthy assessments known as the Fidelity Integrity Assessment (FIA) to help explore and prioritize our greatest areas of need. The results for all sites were very similar and therefore Tier 1 in the area of academics and behavioral supports rose to the top as primary focus areas for immediate work. Teams have since sent behavioral expectation surveys to all teachers, counselors, and administration and then used that data to draft schoolwide behavioral expectations for inside and outside of the classroom. The next step will be to take those drafts and results to the staff on the next Professional Development Day. This is a lot of work, but also very important work that we are all very excited about.



HJUHS
NO SHAVE
NOVEMBER

2019 Winner! Richard Pontecorvo



Before After

No Shave November was a great idea and success! Thanks to Bobby Peters for the idea and to all who participated. We raised nearly \$1,000 with a big chunk of that coming from a generous donation from Ruben Amavisca who raised money in honor of his mother. Congratulations to Richard Pontecorvo who grew an impressive beard for the win and a \$100 prize. Honorable mention to Richard Flamson who came in a very close second.

Health Tips for the Cold Season

- With the weather changing, many of us are tempted to stay indoors, but keep up the walking. There are documented health benefits of walking in cold weather:
1. Vitamin D helps our bones stay strong. Our bones need Vitamin D in order to absorb calcium. The best way to get Vitamin D is exposure to sunlight. So getting outside for a winter walk can help strengthen our bones.
 2. Walking or other moderate exercise releases endorphins that improve your mood and helps stave off mild depression that often occurs during the winter months.
 3. Being cold helps you burn calories because your body has to expend energy to keep your core warm. So even if you walk a little slower during your winter stroll, you may burn more calories than a brisk walk in the summer!



The Walker Tracker Challenge, held September 1st-October 31st, was our most successful walking challenge to date. We had 53 participants, 24 met the goal of 427,000 steps walked. The total steps walked by our group was 18.3 million. That equates to 824,813 calories burned and 236 pounds lost! Great job by all of our participants.

Next Year's Freshmen Begin the Enrollment Process

- Incoming HJUHS families are receiving the following message. We thought you should have these dates too.
- HJUHS realizes that registering your incoming freshman is an exciting but intimidating time. We strive to make this important event as seamless as possible. Below is a timeline of important events and dates to be aware of when registering incoming freshmen for the 2020/21 school year.
- January 2020 - Receive the 2020/21 course catalog from your student's feeder school. The course catalog will include important curriculum information as well as details on the upcoming registration process.
 - January 20, 2020 - Application window OPENS for the Business Finance Academy, Medical Academy, NJROTC program and Intra-District transfer requests.
 - January 31, 2020 - Application window CLOSES for the Business Finance Academy, Medical Academy, NJROTC program and Intra-District transfer requests.
 - February 7, 2020 - Receive notification on approval/denial of the application.
 - February 12, 2020 - Registration window opens, receive registration portal login details.
 - March 3, 2020 - Sierra Pacific High School Registration Night.
 - March 4, 2020 - Hanford High School Registration Night.
 - March 5, 2020 - Hanford West High School Registration Night.
 - March 13, 2020 - Registration window closes.

We can't wait to make your incoming freshman a part of HJUHS! For questions about the registration process, please call the Educational Services office at 559-583-5901 ext. 3118.



I want to thank all of you for a wonderful and welcoming first semester and wish you a perfect holiday season. For those of you who do have some extended time off, enjoy! For the many who will be working over winter break, thank you so much for your dedication to HJUHS and our students.

Victor Rosa

I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season! I know the first semester has been a busy one and I appreciate all that you do. Take the time to rest and rejuvenate and enjoy your families and friends and the time together!

Renee Creech



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The Human Resources Department would like to wish you all of a relaxing Holiday Season. May your fun be large and bills be small this year. Merry Christmas!

Ward Whaley

This semester sure has flown by!! I want to send my appreciation to each and every one of you. I appreciate the work you do on a daily basis to support all of the many needs that our students have on a daily basis. I know how daunting of a task it can be, but know that you make an impact on these kids everyday. Have a great holiday season and enjoy some well deserved time off.


Janice Ede

Ed Services wishes everyone a thankful and joyous holiday season. May you all spend time with the ones you love around food, fun and a toasty fire.

Bobby Peters


Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas and restful break. I hope that during this season of rejoicing and reflection you find your hearts and homes full of love and laughter. Best wishes for a safe and Happy New Year!

Julie Fagundes




May your holidays be filled with happiness, health, fun, and the warmth of family and friends. You have earned this much-needed break. Thank you for making 2019 a fantastic year!

Heather Keran




HANFORD ONLINE CHARTER



I wish you and yours all the best this time of year has to offer. I hope you get some much needed rest and relaxation. If you are like me, the holiday break means quality time with family, warm fires, good books, and plenty of reflection. I look forward to seeing you in the new year.


Scott Pickle

Wishing everyone a relaxing break spent making memories. We have worked hard this semester and our students are better for it. I am excited to see what the new year brings and I am glad that we are in this together. Safe travels, take lots of pictures, and enjoy your vacation. See you in 2020!



EARL F. JOHNSON


Katy Culver



As we finish up the first semester and get ready for a well deserved break, I want to thank you all for the hard work you put in with our students and community. I hope your holidays are relaxing and refreshing. Wishing you and your family the best with warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday and a happy New Year.


Darin Parson

As we near the end of the semester I would like to say I appreciate all that you have done so far. Enjoy your break and have a Happy HAWK Holidays from your Administrator at CDS!!



COMMUNITY SCHOOL DAY

Yolanda Bell



I would like to wish everyone happy holidays and a well deserved time away. May your time with those you love be merry and relaxing and your days be filled with joy!

Delbert Ray



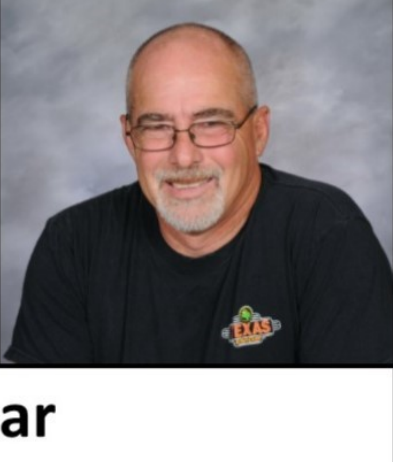
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Bill Chambers
HJUHS Teacher of the Year


"Bill is a teacher who has a huge heart for kids. Bill spends a lot of his spare time, evenings, and weekends at Hanford West on projects for the school or helping kids with their projects."






Sheri Salazar
HJUHS Classified Employee of the Year

"Sheri is an outstanding employee for HJUHS. She is a good listener and does an admirable job of helping employees communicate with the districts insurance carrier so that they receive top notch service."



Katy Culver
HJUHS Administrator of the Year

"Mrs. Culver has worked tirelessly to identify and address barriers her students face. She does this by getting to know her students and advocating for their needs."



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These three amazing individuals will be recognized at the Excellence in Education Event in April. Please join the district in honoring their great work!