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Board Meetings

For agendas, exhibits and more information, log onto www.hcps.org or call 410-588-5203.

- **Monday, September 12, 2011 – Board Business Meeting -- A. A. Roberty Building Board Room, 7:00 p.m.**
- **Monday, September 26, 2011 – Board Business Meeting -- A. A. Roberty Building Board Room, 6:30 p.m. ** Features the recognition ceremony - Dr. Jacqueline C. Haas to be posthumously inducted as the 162nd member of the HCPS Hall of Fame.**

Board meetings can be viewed at anytime from our website www.hcps.org!

- ***New!*** Christian S. Slattery, Sr., vocal music teacher at Hall's Cross Roads Elementary School, was selected by Interim State Superintendent of Schools Bernard J. Sadusky, Ed.D. as one of seven finalists in the state who will compete for the 2012 Maryland Teacher of the Year title! The finalists were selected by a panel of judges from various Maryland educational organizations representing principals, teachers, boards of education, teacher unions, students, parents and higher education. Finalists were measured against a rigorous set of national criteria that included teaching philosophy, community involvement, knowledge of general education issues and suggestions for professional and instructional improvement. To read the full press release, click here: http://www.hcps.org/departments/docs/publicinformation/publications/pressreleases/2012/Christian%20Slattery%20TOY%20state%20finalist_8-25-2011.pdf.
- ***New!*** To assist parents as the 2011-12 school year kicks off, all the pertinent back to school information (open house and back to school night schedules, bus routes, food services information and more) can now be found with one click on the HCPS homepage. Check it out: <http://www.hcps.org/parents/BacktoSchool.aspx>.
- ***New!*** During the Board of Education meeting on Monday, September 26, 2011, Dr. Jacqueline C. Haas will be posthumously inducted into the HCPS Educator Hall of Fame for her 36-year tenure with HCPS as a dedicated special education teacher, helping teacher, assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent. The induction ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Board room at the A.A. Roberty Building. In addition, the ceremony and Board meeting will be aired via live stream on the school system website at www.hcps.org. The "live stream" link can be found in the Board box in the lower right-hand corner of the homepage, [hcps.org](http://www.hcps.org).
- ***New!*** HCPS, in partnership with the U.S. Green Building Council, will host the Annual Sustainable School Construction Workshop on Thursday, September 29, 2011, at Joppatowne High School. The workshop begins at 8:00 a.m. and will feature live demonstrations, exhibits/vendors and light refreshments. For more information on the workshop, including the agenda and how to register, click here: <http://www.hcps.org/departments/operations/HarfordEnvironmentalLeadershipProgram.aspx>.
- ***New!*** HCPS presents the Education After High School College Fair, to be held Tuesday, October 11, 2011, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Edgewood High School. Area parents and students in all grade levels are invited to attend and meet representatives from more than 100 colleges and universities. Parking for parents and students will be available at Edgewood High, Edgewood Middle and Deerfield Elementary schools. For more information, please contact Laura Wade at Laura.Wade@hcps.org.
- ***New!*** Don't miss your last chance to see the world famous string group, Barrage, perform September 22, 2011, at Patterson Mill High School at 7:00 p.m. It will be a two-hour concert. Select students from Fallston High School and Patterson Mill High school will have the opportunity to perform a selection with Barrage. Tickets will be pre-sold for \$15 general admission. Please contact Shane Jensen for tickets or questions at 410-638-4640 or Shane.Jensen@hcps.org.

- HCPS Superintendent, Dr. Robert M. Tomback, will attend a bus ride along with students on the first day of school, Monday, August 29, 2011! Driver of bus #755, Mr. Brit Owen, which services Deerfield Elementary School, will provide the transportation this year. The trip will begin and end at Deerfield Elementary School. If you plan to meet at the school to board the bus, you MUST be there by 8:30 a.m. The school will have ample parking available for your vehicles. Please contact the Communications Office at 410-588-5203, if you plan to attend or for more information.

- HCPS Magnet Program informational presentations set! In an effort to disseminate information to Harford County eighth graders and their parents about educational opportunities for high school, HCPS will be hosting a series of evening informational presentations within the county beginning in September. The objective of these meetings is to allow parents and students to take an introductory look at the magnet programs, located at four specific schools, that are available to students throughout Harford County. The Science and Mathematics Academy (SMA) at Aberdeen High School, the Global Studies/International Baccalaureate Programme (GS/IB) at Edgewood High School, the Natural Resources and Agricultural Science Program (NRAS) at North Harford High School, and the 19 career programs at Harford Technical High School (HTHS) in Bel Air will be showcased. The schedule for the evening presentations is as follows:

Sept. 14th, Aberdeen High School

Sept. 21st, Harford Technical High School

Sept. 27th, North Harford High School

Oct. 6th, Edgewood High School

Presentations will begin at 6:30 p.m. Parents and students may choose to attend any of the presentations, regardless of their districted attendance area.

Open Houses for each of the magnet programs will be held as follows:

Oct. 19th - Science & Mathematics Academy at Aberdeen High School, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Oct. 26th - Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences Program at North Harford High School, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Nov. 2nd - Global Studies/International Baccalaureate Programme at Edgewood High School, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Nov. 8th - Harford Technical High School, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Attendance at the open house is not required for application or admission to any magnet program. Applications to each of the magnet programs will be available at www.hcps.org.

- Churchville Elementary School will celebrate its 80th birthday with an open house on Saturday, September 17, 2011, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. For more information, contact the school directly at 410-638-3800.

- Southampton Middle School will celebrate the grand opening of its Ben Carson Reading Room on September 28, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.

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