Dear parents/guardians,

Hope you had a great Thanksgiving break! It gives everyone time to reflect on all that we are grateful for this year.

1. I am very thankful that we have been able to get back to in person learning. We have had a successful transition back to school, and I am excited to see all the students engaged in learning.
2. We had the opportunity to have a vaccine clinic and welcomed students and families that were interested in receiving the vaccine. These safeguards will hopefully assist in keeping everyone healthy and in school.
3. Winter break is fast approaching! We have early release every day on the week of December 13, 2021 due to Midterm exams. Please refer to the exam schedule for any questions you may have about this process.
4. Looking for something to do over break? Please come and support the Boys and Girls Basketball teams. Visit the school's Athletic Website for game schedules and athletic news.
5. Please make sure we have your updated information on file, so you can be sure to receive your student’s report card.

I hope you have an enjoyable and safe time off with family and friends! And I wish you all Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

Ugur Zengince, M.Ed
Greetings Horizon Family!

I want to start by hoping everyone has an enjoyable Winter Break. These two weeks after our midterm exams are a great chance for us all to rest, enjoy time with family and friends and mentally "reset" so we can be ready to resume school in January. The beginning of a new semester is in many ways a fresh start, so I encourage all of our students to look back on how they have earned success so far this year while also considering what areas they can grow in to be better for themselves and for our school community.

Again, my best wishes for a restful and safe Winter Break!

Scott Hawley M. Ed
Assistant Principal of School Culture

Assistant Principal of Academics

Hello Horizon Family:

The first semester of the 2021-2022 school year is (depending on when you’re reading this) about to be in the books. Student midterm exams will be held Monday, December 13th thru Friday, December 17th. The final day of semester 1 is scheduled for Friday, December 17th. Semester 1 Report Cards will be mailed out the first week of January 2022.

The beginning of the new year, and the new semester, is an opportunity for reflection and goal setting. Students should consider their efforts and practices during the first half of the school year and how that has impacted their current status in the classes. Many students are working to develop skills and routines that positively impact their learning and help them progress through their studies. Others have a lot of reflection to do on why their academic progress is suffering and what strategies they need to enact during the second half of the year to work to complete their credits.

Based on teacher feedback, the number one reason why students are not being successful in their classes is assignment completion. The best things your child can do to be successful are complete their work by the prescribed deadlines and to be in communication with their teachers. When you look at the numbers, students who have demonstrated academic success so far in the school year have high assignment completion rates and manage their time effectively to meet deadlines; whereas those students who are struggling, and those who have multiple failing grades, have a high volume of missing work.

As always, communication is a critical asset to our school community. Our educators are dedicated to providing quality education to our students, which includes after school tutoring opportunities. If your child is struggling with the material or having difficulty meeting deadlines, then they need to commit
time to working with their teachers to get on track. Additionally, if any parents/guardians want tutorials on some of the systems we have in place, or need to relay any important information about your child(ren), please reach out to the school via email: info@hsach.org or via phone: (614) 846-7616.

Thank you for choosing our school to serve your students and families.

Colin Poulson, M.Ed.

Assistant Principal of Academics

Dear Horizon Family,

We are almost done with the first semester. We are so happy that we didn't have to go back to remote education and were able to see all our students in person. I hope we will be able to keep our education in person next semester.

Our students are doing great following the CDC rules to stop spreading COVID. It looks like we have already got used to the new normal.

Last week I announced a great paid after-school training and summer internship opportunity with freshmen and sophomores and their parents. This is a computer and IT training with Techcorps. Please check your emails from me for the details.

I wish you a very happy healthy Christmas Break.

Stay safe, stay healthy, stay happy.

Fatma Zehra Aykan, M.Sc.

Assistant Principal of School Culture

Hello Hawks!

I just wanted to say how proud I am for being part of a great school family. From the teachers to the students, I enjoy coming to work everyday to see the people I consider family. Both teachers and students have worked extremely hard to be successful this school year. My words are genuine and it makes me want to be the best at my job. Keep working hard and I am here to help you with anything you may need.

Robert Tate. M.Ed

Assistant Principal of Operations

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians
It looks like this is my last letter in 2021. I think you will agree with me that it was a different year. Coming to school and wearing a mask the whole day is a big commitment both for teachers and students, but somehow, we are almost done with the year 2021. Now, it is time to look at the upcoming year and hope that we will overcome any obstacle or challenge that could be in our way. Our priority will be to provide the best accommodations for those who attend Horizon Science Academy High school and parents and community partners.

I would like to share some improvements and activities we had in November and December:

- We recently replaced some of our lunch tables and benches.
- Vaccination clinic; We organized a vaccination clinic together with Nationwide Children's Hospital. We offered 1st and 2nd doses for students, parents, and teachers.
- Clock tower. When you come to the front side of the building, you see a huge clock tower. We had some maintenance issues with it for a long time, but finally, we successfully fixed it. If you pass by the school in the evening, you will even see that it lights up the front parking lot. Thank you to everyone who supported making our old clock operational again.
- We have a new bus driver, Ms. Abernathy. She will be driving our school bus for school activities.
- Encouraging everyone to get vaccinated was another goal this year. I believe every day, we are getting more vaccinated people in our building. This is an auspicious sign for 2022.

Please enjoy your winter break and come back next year.

Celal Sarikamis, M.Ed

Students of the Month

Every month, HSA teachers select four to eight students (at least one per grade level) to be the Students of the Month. These young adults are students who are excelling academically, being excellent student leaders for their peers, or have made great strides in improving their grades or behavior. Here are November’s selections:

Freshmen: Ayub M., Mohamed H. and Issa A.
Sophomore: Morena (Abby) R. and Kimberly A.
Junior: Stephen A.
Senior: Suhayla J.
From the School Counselors
As we reach the end of the semester, counselors have been focused on narrowing down priority tasks for college readiness, including the FAFSA application. We held a FAFSA night on November 17th to assist students and families with their applications and provided a box of pizza for all guests! We are encouraging any remaining student to schedule a one-on-one meeting with their counselor to go over and complete their FAFSA to ensure they get the most out of the Pell Grant Award.

College Credit Plus students have been communicating with us regarding their Spring 2022 registration and making individual plans regarding their interests of future major and academic plans. On that note, Columbus State has recently mentioned a $1,000 Momentum Award for any high school student who has taken at least 2 credits of CCP. This scholarship will go toward their tuition if they choose to continue their education at Columbus State. For students interested in taking CCP classes in the future, we will be hosting a CCP information night on January 26th at 5 pm! They will learn about the college class requirements, application process, and submit their letters of intent (that is a required document to take CCP classes).
Lastly, we have been meeting with students with low grades to boost their morale, understand where they're coming from, and create a success plan.

**What's Going On At HSA**

**HOSA Fall Leadership Conference**

Several HSA students attended the HOSA fall leadership conference on November 3rd. Mr. Ince (HOSA sponsor at HSA) said that students learned how to be future leaders of tomorrow specifically in medical fields but also in general. The students' favorite quote from the day was "Today is not your tomorrow!"

**Linears in the World**

Mrs. Wilson's Algebra 1 students were challenged to find linears in their life, bringing learning to the real world. Students were assigned to take two pictures (one of a linear and one of themselves with their linear) either at school or at home. They then put their pictures into Desmos to get key characteristics of their graphs.

**Patient Care and Medical Terminology Students OSHA Certified**

HSA Patient Care and Medical Terminology students completed their OSHA 10 certifications and received certification cards in early November. Health Science and Technology students will receive theirs soon. Way to go, Hawks!
Mr. Ince's Annual CYSP Fall Camp at Buck Creek

On November 12-14, Mr. Ince took his 15 CYSP students to Buck Creek State Park for 2 days this weekend for camping. Students cooked, cleaned and organized everything while in the camp and learned many important life skills while having fun. Mr. Celal taught the students to make BBQ on Saturday afternoon. One of the seniors who attended said "I am very sad that I am graduating soon because I have missed all the opportunities that's been offered by CYSP in our school."

Safety Note: Students got COVID tested a day prior to the camp and received negative results. While they were indoors, they were asked to wear a mask. However, when they took pictures/videos they had the option to not have it on.
**CYSP Thanksgiving Dinner**

On November 17th, CYSP had Thanksgiving Dinner for CYSP students and parents. Over sixty guests showed up. The night started with a short picture presentation, and Ms. Hicks explained the activities that CYSP students have had so far. There was a raffle and guests enjoyed using an online spinner and some won gift baskets. Our alumni and old CYSP student Amona Mohammed gave a brief speech about her experience in CYSP. Mentors had time to communicate with parents and everyone enjoyed the dinner. Mrs. Rumeysa would like to thank everyone who helped her to make this happen.

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**Freshmen Go to Perkins Observatory**

Mrs. Meydan's Freshmen Physical Science students got to attend a field trip to Perkins Observatory on November 18th. The observatory, which is located at Ohio Wesleyan University, is an astronomical observatory that is primarily an active research and educational facility used by the faculty and students of the OWU Physics and Astronomy Department. HSA Freshmen were lucky enough to attend a public program and learn about what they do there.
Concept Algebra 1 Kahoot Online Math Contest

Held on 11/19/21 at 5:30pm (ET)

Students were invited to register and create a nickname for anonymity that would help them feel less pressure. They signed onto Zoom from home and were guided through the game by Mr. Ayhan, our Mathematics head at Concept. Students were asked questions based on the Algebra 1 curriculum topics that have been covered in Algebra 1 classes across the Concept Schools. Most of the students that joined (and placed high rankings) were from Columbus High and we hope to see even more in next month's game! Mrs. Wilson will continue to encourage her students to participate each month it is held.

Check out the winners and their prizes below!

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Rocketry Club

The Rocketry Club, sponsored by Mrs. Meydan, has been gaining more knowledge and unfolding the science behind rocketry week by week. They aim to build two types of rockets and we will name them Hawks #1 and #2. They have figured out what materials are needed to build and how an ignition section works! Now the team is working on the type of fins that allows rockets to fly straight. The Hawk rockets should fly max 835 ft. So let's wish for the Hawks to fly high!!!
STEM Fair Projects

Physical Science students have been working so hard and diligently on their STEM Fair projects following the engineering design process or scientific method steps for more than a month. From 3D printing engineering projects to microbiology, physics to food science, many types of science and engineering projects are joining the fair. Some students stay after school to get their projects done with the help of mentors such as Mrs. Meydan, Mr. Aytekin, and Mrs. Cunningham. Students and their physical science teacher, Mrs. Meydan, appreciate the collaboration between the teachers who help them complete their project in many ways.
Boy’s Basketball Team Travels to Xavier

The HSA boy’s basketball team traveled to Cincinnati to watch the Xavier University men’s basketball team play. Coach Tate, Coach Matthews, Coach Turner, and the team had a great time and really enjoyed watching high level competition.

Boosters Wanted

Horizon Science Academy Columbus High School is starting up a Sports Boosters program and is looking for parents to participate. If you are interested in supporting our teams and athletic department through donations of time and financial resources which help student-athletes succeed on and off the playing field/court please contact Mr. Edwards (edwards@hsach.org) or Mr. Tate (rtate@hsach.org).

Boys Basketball

Boys basketball is off to a good start. As of Dec 7th the boys are 2-2. The boys have worked hard during summer and fall to be conditioned for the season. Hopefully everyone will support the team and make it to a game. Coach Tate, Assistant Coaches Brad Palmer, Kirk Matthews, and Brandon Turner
would like to shout out to the varsity team captains this year, Senior James Armah and Senior David Unuigbe. Another shout-out to Senior Hanid Muse who is leading the team in scoring and steals. Keep up the good work, Hawks!

Girls Basketball

So far the ladies, coached by Elvin Butler and his assistant Quintina Davis, have been improving each and every game, growing together and working really hard to learn the game of basketball. Having only 1 out of 11 girls that have competed for a full season of organized basketball has been a fun-filled journey. All ladies have been committed. The Lady Hawks only scored 10 points in the first two games, but have scored 30 points the last two games and had plenty more opportunities to score more. Keep improving!

Cheer and Dance is Back at HSA

HSA officially has a cheer and dance team again! Lead by Ms. Gomes, the cheerleading team has been assembled and is ready to start spreading school spirit and supporting the winter athletes!
Mrs. Galli

Do You Have a Game Plan?

A basketball team would not think of playing another team without a plan. A builder would not build a house without a plan. A teacher would not think of teaching a lesson without a plan. Can a student be successful on an exam without a plan? How can a student try to take an exam without studying notes, reviewing previous tests and quizzes, and reviewing materials on google classroom? I hope that is not your style. It does not work.

Preparation is a huge key to success. Have a plan to get ready and have a plan for the day of the test. You can all be champions on game day if you have a game plan! Best wishes for an amazing exam week!

Mrs. Wilson

Hello all! First, I want to congratulate all of the students on completing their first in-person semester in a long time. You did it!

Secondly, I want to remind all students that the new semester starts fresh and is a great way to improve their overall course grade. There is still time to improve and be successful. I hope everyone is able to rest, relax, and enjoy family time over this break. Have a happy and safe break! I will see you in January ready to start a new semester in the new year!

Mr. Tate

Students, I want you to do three things during Xmas break:
1. Untuck your shirts.
2. Be tardy wherever you go!
3. Get 1 and 2 out of your system by the time you get back from break

Have a great Xmas break!!

Mrs. Forsbach
Good luck to everyone as we complete the first semester of the 2021-2022 school year! My students have shown amazing fortitude in the face of adversity this year and I could not be more proud. Work hard this week and enjoy so much deserved time off over Winter Break!

Mr. Golding

I hope that everyone has an amazing break! You have all been working hard and deserve this time to rest and relax! Take care of yourselves and come back ready to take on the second semester in the new year. Happy holidays!

Principal Zen

Dear students, you all did an excellent job and successfully completed the first semester. Please relax and come rejuvenated for the second semester. I wish you all a happy New Year and Merry Christmas!

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S - seek understanding of themselves and what they want their future to be after graduation

O - organize their effort to succeed and create a positive impact on the school community

A - advance by mastering skills that will help them as students now and as members of the community

R - reflect on how their actions impact their individual success and others in the school community

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