

Hampton High School

Pardon Our Pride...

And here are some reasons why ...



- ★ Hampton High School is a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School.
- ★ *U.S. News and World Report* ranked Hampton 11th in the state of Pennsylvania. They rank the top 500 schools in the state. There are 678 high schools in Pennsylvania. In addition, we were ranked 622 nationally.
- ★ *Pittsburgh Business Times* ranked HHS in the number three spot regionally out of 102 schools in its 2015 Guide to Western Pennsylvania Schools. Per grade level, Hampton was fourth. Hampton was ranked seventh out of 600 schools statewide by the same publication.
- ★ *NerdWallet* named Allison Park among its Top 10 Places for Young Families to Live. Allison Park was ranked number nine due to the quality of Hampton Township School District.
- ★ Hampton High School was named among the best 1,000 public high schools in the nation in 2013 by *Newsweek Magazine*, and its online partner, *The Daily Beast*. HHS was ranked 607.
- ★ Hampton High School was ranked at number 86 out of 8,738 schools in the nation by Niche.com as part of its 2015 Best School Districts in America list.
- ★ Hampton scored above average on the SAT and ACT. The average for the critical reading portion of the SAT was 562 (PA was 499, National was 495). Hampton's average for the mathematics portion of the SAT was 563 (PA was 504, National was 511). Hampton's average for the writing portion of the SAT was 539 (PA was 482, National was 484). Hampton's ACT average composite scores was 25.7 (PA was 23.1, National was 20.8).
- ★ HHS is a U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School.
- ★ Approximately 90% of the class of 2016 plan to attend a 2 year or 4 year college, 2.5% plan to attend a technical school, 4% plan to seek employment, 2% plan to join a branch of the military, and 1.5% were undecided about their post-secondary plans.
- ★ There were 589 AP exams taken in the Spring of 2016 with 486 (85.5%) scoring a 3 or better.
- ★ Hampton offers 20 Advanced Placement classes and 30 Honors courses across multiple disciplines and grade levels.
- ★ Hampton High School is a member of the consortium in the northern suburbs who sponsor the North Pittsburgh College Fair, which attracts between 130 and 150 colleges per year and will be hosted by LaRoche College on October 3, 2016.
- ★ Approximately 75 colleges visit Hampton High School every year to meet with Junior and Senior students.
- ★ Over 55 students attend A.W. Beattie Career Center to enhance their education with vocational skills.
- ★ The HHS Student Council continues to help students assimilate into the high school environment with leading the 9th grade orientation and distributing HHS string bags to new students of the district. At orientation, all students were served cookies during their lunch period.
- ★ The High School Library opens each day at 7 AM. Extended evening hours are offered until 3:30 PM on Monday and Friday and until 4 PM on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. This is a great time for students to research, read, study, or prepare for their academic day.
- ★ PreCalculus students simulated Disaster Relief Mission using logistics coordination and apply their knowledge of Trigonometry topics they learned throughout the year.
- ★ 18 Honors Calculus students, 19 PreCalculus students, 23 Probability and Statistics Honors students, and one AP Calculus student earned four college credits through the University of Pittsburgh's College in High School Program last year.
- ★ The Chemistry classes will celebrate "National Mole Day" on Friday, October 21. "National Mole Day" commemorates Avogadro's Number (6.02×10^{23}), which is a basic measuring unit in chemistry. Mole Day was created as a way to foster interest in the science of Chemistry. The AP Chemistry students will perform and explain a series of chemical reactions and demonstrations for the other chemistry classes.
- ★ The AP Chemistry class will take a guided tour of the PPG Coatings and Resin Research Facility in late February. The top 12 Anatomy and Physiology students last year attended Open Heart surgery at Allegheny General Hospital. They observed a triple by-pass graft performed by Dr. George McGovern Jr.
- ★ Last year, Twenty Anatomy and Physiology students attended a STAR workshop at West Penn Hospital. They used surgical simulation tools of endoscopy, laparoscopy and trans-catheter procedures. In addition, they ran IV lines and intubations on "smart technology" mahicans.
- ★ Physical Anthropology students went to Meadowcroft Rock Shelter (a division of the Heinz History Museum). They were able tour one of the oldest anthropological dig sites known to exist in all of the United States (16,000+ yrs old). In addition, they experienced early Native American cultures and customs including use of an atlatl, tanning hides, 3-sisters gardening practices, and Native American tool design. Approximately 45 students attended.
- ★ Mrs. Dietz and Mr. Kemmer's Horticulture classes are vermicomposting to help reduce the amount of fruit/vegetable waste that is going into landfills. The worms will turn the garbage into black gold, a nutrient rich humus that helps naturally fertilize the soil. They are also learning about fall garden maintenance through hand on learning in the school garden areas.
- ★ As the Mandarin Chinese program enters its fifth year at Hampton Township School District, they are collaborating with Washington and Jefferson College to offer Level IV and V students an opportunity to earn four college credits by enrolling in the program. The credits are for 200 level courses and can usually be transferred to other colleges/universities.
- ★ For those seeking an introduction to Chinese culture and language, the after school Chinese Club is a good option. Members will cook traditional Chinese foods, watch martial arts movies, fold origami, and play traditional Chinese games.
- ★ French IV and V students who enrolled in the College in High School program last year earned three credits for Intermediate French through LaRoche College and Duquesne University last year.
- ★ French IV and V students attended a screening of a French film (*La Rafle*) with other French students in the area. Students watched the movie and participated in a group discussion following the film.
- ★ French, German, and Latin students participated in a combined language activity for a week in December. Students watch *Joyeux Noel*, a film about the Christmas Eve cease-fire during World War I. After the movie, students spent a class period speaking in their respective

- target language to express themselves and teach new vocabulary to their peers. On the last day students enjoyed a cultural celebration with food from the country of their target language.
- ★ In May, the high school German Club hosted 21 students from our exchange partner school in Berlin, Germany. In June, sixteen German students in levels three through five traveled to Berlin for the second half of the exchange. Students stayed with host families and had the opportunity to travel in and around the Berlin area. Highlights of the trip were visiting the Brandenburg Gate, seeing parts of the Berlin Wall that still remain standing, touring a concentration camp, riding a bullet train, and traveling to Hamburg, Dresden, and Stralsund on the Baltic Sea. In addition to the exchange, the students participated in a number of activities in and around Pittsburgh and Hampton, including an evening at Max's Allegheny Tavern with a trip to the Christmas Market in Market Square, snow tubing, movie and pizza nights, and a trip to the German club for dancing and learning more about the culture of Southern Germany.
 - ★ HHS Student Council funded a "welcome breakfast" and held a question and answer session in the HHS Library for the German exchange students.
 - ★ Last April, the Talbot Players Performing Arts students produced their spring musical, *Monty Python's Spamalot*, continuing the proud tradition of delivering quality, college-level caliber theatrical productions. Additionally, they participated in the Gene Kelly Awards for Excellence in High School Musical Theatre and competed against 31 other high school performing arts programs across Allegheny County. *Monty Python's Spamalot* received five nominations, including Best Costuming-Budget Level 2, Best Musical, Best Vocal Direction, Best All Student Orchestra, and Senior Alex Wood was nominated for Best Supporting Actor for his portrayal of the roles of Sir Galahad and Prince Herbert. Alex won for Best Supporting Actor, and Hampton won for Best Costuming. Having been nominated for Best Musical, Hampton students had the honor of performing a number from *Spamalot* at The Gene Kelly Awards Ceremony on May 28, 2016, a distinction that only 9 out of the 31 participating schools received.
 - ★ The Drama Club invites you to attend their theatrical production of the Bard's classic, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, which runs November 10th through the 12th. Tickets will only be sold at the door and will be \$8 for adults and \$5 for students. Curtain is at 7:30 PM. Drama Club is an entirely student-run organization and this year's directors, Maggie Doan & Jodi Zatezalo, are very excited to bring this classic to the Hampton Stage. Contact Mr. Franklin at franklin@ht-sd.org for more information.
 - ★ Last year, the Child Development classes successfully ran two sessions of their preschool program! The students created exciting and engaging lessons that were age appropriate for their three to five year olds. The Preschool sessions will start up again in November for children ages 3-5. See Mrs. Jackson to sign-up!
 - ★ The food classes are enjoying preparing recipes for themselves and their classmates. They prepared scones for school board appreciation week last year and blueberry almond muffins for their teachers.
 - ★ The Clothing II and III students created some difficult items, including skirts, dresses, and shirts. They also created blankets for Project Linus. Project Linus is a non-profit organization which provides blankets for sick children.
 - ★ The district has been awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's Center for Creativity to develop STEAM Carts for each of our elementary schools. Middle school engineering students will design the carts and high school engineering students will refine the design and produce them. The carts will include computers, as well as a variety of classroom sets of technology-based items geared towards teaching problem-solving to elementary students. The STEAM carts will be used this spring.
 - ★ The HHS Student Council "Decked the Halls" and invited guests to donate money to Children's Hospital (oncology unit) as they walked through the halls during the HHS Band Boosters Holiday festival.
 - ★ The Student Council officers dressed up as Santa, Mrs. Claus and a few elves when they went to Children's Hospital. They worked with the students in the oncology unit while they waited for treatments to fight cancer.
 - ★ Member of the Student Council and General Assembly organized the second annual MiniThon for Four Diamonds. The students raised over \$31,000 to fight pediatric cancer through the Penn State campaign.
 - ★ The chess club meets Mondays and Thursdays in room G724. Members can attend either or both days as often as they like. Each year club members also have the opportunity to judge a middle school chess tournament and to teach elementary school students how to play chess.
 - ★ The Hampton Forensics Team had an excellent 2015-2016 school year, qualifying three students to compete in two national tournaments and one state tournament. One of the team's 2016 graduates placed 3rd overall in the country in Extemporaneous Debate. The team begins its new season with four members competing in the Yale Debate Association's Invitational Tournament from September 16-18. The students will be HHS in the Lincoln-Douglas Debate.
 - ★ The HHS Social Studies Department, along with the HHS Student Council, hosted the 2015 Veterans Day events at the high school. Six new members were inducted into Hampton Heroes, and our students had the opportunity to hear speeches, see memorabilia, and have personal conversations with the heroes from our district; the students' eyes were opened to the great sacrifices made by our service members, and it was a moving and inspiring day!
 - ★ World History Honors students had the opportunity to visit Pittsburgh's Holocaust Museum, meet with a survivor, and watch the movie *Run Boy Run*, a subtitled film based on true events from the life of Yoram Fridman.
 - ★ Thanks to HAEE, the library media center has a brand new production room, which will be used by groups of students who wish to work collaboratively. Aside from a beautiful table and chairs, our students will also make use of a 27" screen and laptop computers. Stop by the library to "check it out"!
 - ★ Latin Club took third place in Division 3 at the PA Junior Classical League State Competition in last May. Preparations for the 2017 convention will begin shortly!
 - ★ Last year the High Q team advanced to the quarterfinals of the televised academic competition among all local high schools. The team is also the two-time defending champion of the Duquesne University Academic Challenge, held in the spring of each year. The team is open to all students.
 - ★ Last year, The Hamptonian published 7 print editions. On social media, our Twitter account has over 800 followers and we have spread Hampton High School news in over 1,300 Tweets.
 - ★ Last year, the Hampton Future Business Leaders of America organization had 152 members and was one of the largest FBLA organizations in Pennsylvania. Interested students should see Mr. Howard.
 - ★ Please stop and visit Hampton FBLA's 15th Annual Open House Bake Sale near the cafeteria. This year's proceeds will go towards the Kidney Foundation.
 - ★ The HHS Wind Ensemble was selected to perform at the Pennsylvania Music Educators' Association Annual State Conference later this year in April. The Wind Ensemble was one of just a few student groups selected out of 130 auditions, making this invitation a tremendous honor.