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ARMWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Believe, Achieve, Succeed!

IMPORTANT DATES

- 8/23-8/27: Club Rush
- 9/13: First Club Day
- 9/6 Labor Day: Non-Student Day
- 8/30: Picture Day & Senior Portraits
- 9/24 Homecoming Game
- 10/14: Senior Panoramic
- 9/14, 11/9 & 2/1: Family Nights
- 10/8: End of 1st Grading Period
- 11/11: Veterans Day: Non-Student Day
- 11/22-11/26: Fall Break
- 12/21-1/1: Winter Break

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Armwood Newsletter

Newsletter Date: August 2021

Welcome back Hawks!

We are very excited to see everyone back at school. We hope you enjoyed your summer and want to extend a warm welcome to all of our students, teachers and families. We are looking forward to what is sure to be a fantastic year of learning and academic growth.

As we prepare for an awesome year, parents, please make sure you have a Canvas account. There you can monitor your student's academic progress and communicate directly with their teachers.

We also want to ensure our students and families understand our expectations so please make sure you view the Student Code of Conduct in our AHS website for district updates.

We will be communicating with our Hawk families weekly, stay tuned for upcoming updates.

Go Hawks!

Sincerely,
Dina Langston

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Achieve
Succeed**

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because at

ARMWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

it is all about being
the BEST!



Student Affairs Office (SAO) Information

Assistant Principals of Student Affairs

Camila Cooksey (ext. 269) - serving students with last names beginning with A— L
David Ramos (ext. 230) - serving students with last names beginning with M—Z.

Attendance

All students are expected to be in their first period class by 8:30 a.m. If a student is absent for the day, a parent must call the attendance line at **744-8040 option #1** and follow the voice prompts for leaving a message to excuse the absence by 10:00a.m. Acceptable excuses for absences are covered in the student handbook available at <http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/assets/pdf/studenthandbook.pdf>. Parents will still receive a phone call whether excused or unexcused.

Policy & Procedures

- **Sign-Out Procedures**—Once a student arrives on campus, they may not leave without permission from an administrator or designee. If a student must leave early, the parent/guardian must make the request in person in SAO. A picture ID must be presented. Latest times to be signed out are as follows: Early Release Mondays @ 2:00pm, Regular Bell Schedule @ 3:00pm.

Student Expectations

Parking

- **Pick-Up/Drop Off**—Students pick up and drop off is located in the back of the school. Students may not be dropped off in the front of the school. **Students may not arrive on campus before 8:00 a.m. There will be no supervision before that time.**
- **Student Parking**—All students will be parking in designated spaces in the back of the school. **Due to safety concerns, the back parking area will be closed throughout the day to all incoming/outgoing traffic.**
- **Parking Decals**— Can be purchased online at mypaymentsplus.com. Required documents (listed online) must be submitted before the decal purchase is completed. Cost is \$20
- **Student drivers must possess a valid parking decal to sign-out with parent consent. If students are caught driving recklessly, leaving campus without permission, or have excessive sign-ins they will receive consequences that may include surrendering their parking decal.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS

State Law requires that students, 14 to 18 years of age, who have not earned a high school diploma, who have 15 unexcused absences in any period of 90 calendar days, be *ineligible* for driving privileges. These absences *do not* have to be in succession. School districts are required by this legislation to report to the State of Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV), the names of students who have accumulated 15 unexcused absences in any period of 90 calendar days. Effective January 5, 1999, students who accumulated 15 unexcused absences in any period of 90 calendar days will be reported by the school to the DHSMV. The student who is reported will be informed by the DHSMV that his/her name has been received and he/she may lose the privilege to drive. Should a student be contacted by DHSMV with information, he/she may initiate a request for a hardship waiver or a request for reinstatement of driving privilege through the Office of Student Affairs. Students who fall under this initiative must surrender their parking decal and find alternative means of transportation, i.e., bus rider or parent drop off.

Guidance Counselors for the 2021-2022 School Year



Mrs. Hutchins (ext. 235) - serving students (9th - 12th) last names A - E.
Mr. Betancourt (ext. 241) - serving students (9th-12th) last names F-L.
Mrs. Geniesse (ext. 266) - serving students (9th - 12th) last names M-Rn.
Mrs. Lockwood (ext. 246) - serving students (9th - 12th) last names Ro-Z.
Ms. Russell- Diaz (ext. 271) Mental Health Counselor for all students.

Collegiate Academy Counselor

Mrs. Lippincott (ext. 270)

Student Success Specialist

Mr. Kelly (ext. 243)

Ms. Perez (303)

College & Career Lead Teacher

Ms. Bruton(ext. 244) - serving students (9th - 12th)



Mypaymentsplus.com Information

Parents should set up an account at mypaymentsplus.com. Due to the recent pandemic, school sites are not taking cash. Parents can pay for lockers, parking decals, prom, grad bash, year-books, etc. through the mypaymentsplus.com website. You need to know your child’s student number to set up an account. Please reach out to Laura Taylor (bookkeeper) at Laura.taylor@hcps.net if you have any questions.



BUS ROUTE INFORMATION

* **Bus Route** information can be found at the School District website: www.sdhc.k12.fl.us. Click on Parents ➡ Transportation ➡ Find My Bus Stop (Under Transportation Services ➡ Find My Bus Stop



COMMUNITY AND STUDENT PORTALS

Parents and students will be able to access their online Report Cards and other helpful resources through the newly created COMMUNITY PORTAL located at <https://community.sdhc.k12.fl.us>. Each student will be given a unique pin they can access through the school. Through this portal, students and parents will also be able to access the district calendar, Choice/Magnet information, as well as other helpful resources at mySPOT. Students can also find other valuable information through the STUDENT PORTAL at <https://students.sdhc.k12.fl.us>.



SOARING HAWKS MENTORS

Upperclassmen, WE NEED YOU! If you are in good academic standing and are interested in being a mentor to our incoming freshmen, please sign up for our Soaring Hawks Mentor program See Coach Kelly for details.

2021 2022 Armwood Head Coaches List

APA: Marian Coleman, 813-744-8040, x228
Marian.Coleman@hcps.net

The application for athletic participation will only be submitted electronically and can be found on the Hillsborough County Public Schools Athletic Dept. website at: <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/athleticforms>. Or directly on the Athletic Clearance website: <https://athleticclearance.fhsaahome.org/index.php>.

Sport	First Name	Last Name	Email
Baseball	Robert	Mondoux	Robert.Mondoux@hcps.net
Boys Basketball	Zarko	Stojakovic	Zarko.Stojakovic@hcps.net
Girls Basketball	Ben	Bromley	Coachben23@yahoo.com
Cheerleading	Felnicia	Williams	btascheer@gmail.com
Boys XC	Patrick	Artz	Patrick.Artz@gmail.com
Girls XC	Chris	Kane	Christopher.Kane@hcps.net
Football	Evan	Davis	EvanD.Davis@hcps.net
Flag Football	Teresa	Jenkins	Teresa.Jenkins@hcps.net
Boys Golf	Joseph	Paight	Joseph.Paight@hcps.net
Girls Golf	Joseph	Paight	Joseph.Paight@hcps.net
Boys Soccer	Kevin	Martin	KevinL.Martin@hcps.net
Girls Soccer	Jeremy	Voulgarakis	Jeremy.Voulgarakis@hcps.net
Softball	Jim	Johnson	James.Johnson@hcps.net
Boys Swimming	Gabriela	Hernandez	Gabriela.Hernandez@hcps.net
Girls Swimming	Jared	Cunio	Jared.Cunio@hcps.net
Boys Tennis	Wyantt	May	Wyantt.May@hcps.net
Girls Tennis	Gabriela	Hernandez	Gabriela.Hernandez@hcps.net
Boys Track	Rudy	Story	Rudolph.Story@hcps.net
Girls Track			
Volleyball	Sydnee	Bland	Sydnee.Bland@hcps.net
Wrestling	Gregory	Vincent	Gregory.Vincent@hcps.net
Business Manager	Robert	Friskney	Robert.Friskney@hcps.net
Assistant Bus Mgr	Patrick	Kelly	Patrick.Kelly@hcps.net

High School Sports:

Fall

Football 6A,
Volleyball 7A,
Cross Country 3A,
Swim 3A
Golf 2A,
Sideline Cheer

Winter

G. Soccer 4A,
B. Soccer 4A
G. Basketball 7A
B. Basketball 7A
Comp. Cheer 1A
Wrestling 2A

Spring

Softball 7A
Track & Field 3A,
Tennis 3A
Baseball 7A
Flag Football 1A



AHS FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE



Varsity Football (7:30PM start)

8/20	Booker T. Washington	HOME
8/27	Chamberlain	Away
9/3	Hillsborough	HOME
9/10	Gaither	Away
9/17	Strawberry Crest	HOME
9/24	Steinbrenner	HOME/COMING
10/1	Tampa Bay Tech	Away
10/15	Bloomingtondale	Away
10/22	Wiregrass	HOME
10/29	Wharton	Away
11/5	Newsome	Away

Junior Varsity Football (7:00PM Start)

9/9	Strawberry Crest	HOME
9/14	Durant	Away
9/23	Lennard	HOME
9/30	Freedom	Away
10/7	Sumner	HOME
10/14	Brandon	Away

Volleyball 6:15 JV/8:00 Varsity Start Times Unless Noted

*8/24	Lennard (Varsity Only)	HOME/7pm
*8/26	Durant (Varsity Only)	Away/7pm
8/31	Tampa Bay Tech	Away
9/2	Strawberry Crest	HOME
9/14	Wharton	HOME
9/21	Freedom	HOME
9/23	Chamberlain	Away
9/27	Riverview	Away
9/29	King	HOME
10/5	Hillsborough	Away
10/7	Blake	Away
10/12	Middleton	Away
10/14	Jefferson	HOME

Boys' & Girls' Golf (Times Vary)

8/26	Lennard	Away
8/30	Sumner	HOME
9/9	Brandon	Away
9/13	Chamberlain	HOME
9/14	King	HOME
9/22	Sumner	Away
9/23	King	Away
9/27	East Bay	HOME
9/30	Chamberlain	Away
10/4	East Bay & Lennard	Away
10/7	Brandon	Away

Boys' & Girls' Soccer (Start times 6PM/8PM)

*****Boys play first through 12/10*****

11/12	Blake	Away
11/16	Chamberlain	HOME
11/19	King	Away
11/30	Hillsborough	HOME
12/3	Middleton	HOME
12/7	Tampa Bay Tech	HOME
1/7	Wharton	Away
1/11	Freedom	Away

Boys' & Girls' Swim- Schedules soon!

Sports Information

Armwood High School encourages all students to participate in athletics and other extracurricular activities. Research shows that participation in extracurricular activities positively impacts academic achievement. As we begin the 2021-2022 school year, it is important that all parents and students understand eligibility requirements for extracurricular participation. If you have any questions about student eligibility, please contact your student’s guidance counselor, coach or our athletic department. Through educating yourself on all requirements, together we can strive to assist every student in maintaining their eligibility and performing at a high level in and out of the classroom.



Maintain Good Standing Standing with Student’s Affairs Office

If you are a student athlete, your grades and your behavior at school matters!

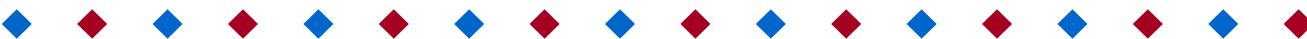
Please make sure you maintain a minimum of a 3.0 GPA and demonstrate excellence when participating in the classroom.

All athletes are expected to report to the Gym before 1st period and check-in with his/her coach.

Interested in being part of our Golf Team?

We are looking for golfers! No experience necessary, you just need a positive attitude and a good sense of humor. Always remember...academics come first!

Reach out to Dr. Joseph Paight on Canvas or in person if you are interested.



Testing Dates

All testing days and times are on Saturdays from 8:00am-2:00pm. Contact Deanna Hutchins x. 235 if you have questions.

SAT—October 2

ACT—September 11

SAT—November 6

ACT—October 23

SAT—December 4

ACT—December 11

SAT—March 12

ACT—February 12

SAT— May 7

ACT—April 2

SAT— June 4

ACT—June 11





MOMENT OF SILENCE:

MEMORANDUM

Chief of Schools, Leadership Development & Administration

DATE: 6/21/2021
TO: All Personnel
FROM: Chief of Schools, Leadership Development & Administration
SUBJECT: Moment of Silence

Governor Ron DeSantis signed HB 529, Moment of Silence in Public Schools, which requires all Florida schools to hold a daily moment of silence at the beginning of the school day. HB 529 requires that Principals direct teachers in first-period or at the start of the day to set aside 1-2 minutes for a moment of silence. The legislation prohibits teachers from making suggestions to students as to the nature of any reflection that they should engage in during the moment of silence.

The bill further directs each first-period classroom teacher to encourage parents or guardians to discuss the moment of silence with their children and for parents to make suggestions to their children as to the best use of this time in class.

Language in the bill says “in today's hectic society too few persons are able to experience even a moment of quiet reflection before plunging headlong into the activities of daily life. Young persons are particularly affected by the absence of an opportunity for a moment of quiet reflection. The Legislature finds that our youth, and society as a whole, would be well served if students in the public schools were afforded a moment of silence at the beginning of each school day.”



Message from our PTSA:

Welcome Hawk Family! We invite you to join The Armwood High School (PTSA) Parent Teacher Student Association. PTSA is a volunteer organization that is affiliated with the national and state PTA at a middle school/high school level. PTA is the oldest and largest student advocacy group in America. It's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. Every child. One voice. Become a member of PTSA to be that voice.

This year Armwood PTSA will strive to focus on Family Engagement and on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion—Don't Stand By! Stand Up, Stand Strong. Stand Together. Our fundraising efforts will focus on providing a select amount of Senior Scholarships with active memberships and Teacher Incentives/Grants. We also normally hold some type of in school PTSA sponsored event ie Movie Night but, of course, that has been suspended indefinitely.

But, all this will not be possible with out your help. Our success depends on you! Our existence depends on you! We are **urgently** in need to fill key positions on our Board. We need the bare minimum officers: President, Treasurer, and Secretary in order to continue to have a PTSA.

Open positions are the following (required positions in red letters)

- Vice President-Leadership
- Vice President-Ways and Means (Fundraising)
- Treasurer**
- Recording **Secretary**
- Corresponding **Secretary**
- Committee Chairpersons

If interested in ANY positions or have questions please email ahsptsacorresponding@gmail.com or armwoodhsptsa@gmail.com

AHS Core Values

BELIEVE!



1. **Own It!** We Hawks BELIEVE in owning our behavior, our progress, and our performance.
2. **Be Courageous!** We BELIEVE that courage is necessary for personal growth and improvement.
3. **I Got Your Back!** We BELIEVE that by having each other's backs and supporting each other we can create a positive and collaborative learning environment.

ACHIEVE!



1. **Own It!** By owning our strengths and weaknesses we can ACHIEVE our goals.
2. **Be Courageous!** Dare to persevere through obstacles and failures to ACHIEVE success.
3. **I Got Your Back!** When *you* ACHIEVE, *we all* ACHIEVE.

SUCCEED!



1. **Own It!** Own your failures and mistakes, they are pit stops on the road to SUCCEED.
2. **Be Courageous!** To SUCCEED in life you need courage—*courage to try, courage to fail, and courage to try again.*
3. **I Got Your Back!** If you want to SUCCEED, you will need help.

Dress Code Policy

Students' rights and responsibilities regarding dress code are available in the student handbook on the school district's website at: www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/conduct/index.

Examples of violations are as follows:

- ◆ Bedroom slippers/pajamas/bandanas
- ◆ Doo rags, hoods, sunglasses, hats
- ◆ Bare Torso/Midriff/Shoulders
- ◆ Dresses, Shorts and Shirts Shorter Than Fingertip Length
- ◆ Spaghetti Strap/Strapless
- ◆ Sheer Shirt w/o Undershirt/ revealing tights
- ◆ Drug/Gang/Sexual Reference
- ◆ Obscene/Inappropriate Pictures or Wording on Clothing/Hats/Head coverings
- ◆ Rips that expose undergarments or skin above the knee

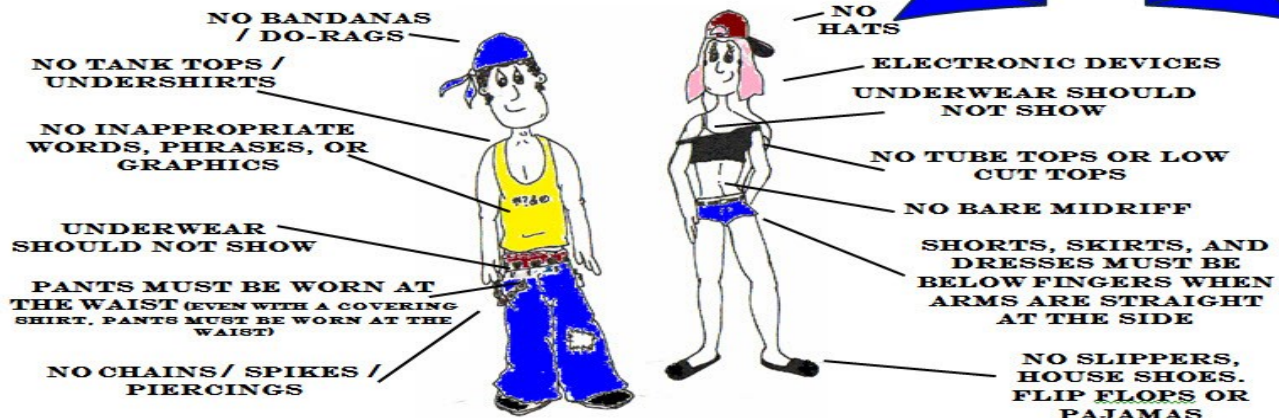
Consequences:

Student must change clothes each time they have a dress code violation. If they cannot comply they will NOT be permitted back into class.

- ◆ 1st Offense- Conference with parent/guardian.
- ◆ 2nd Offense- 1-3 Days ISS
- ◆ 3rd Offense- 1-3 Days OSS

DRESS CODE

All rules apply to both MALES and FEMALES

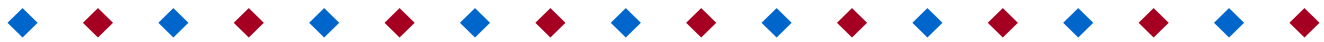


***ANY OTHER ITEMS DEEMED INAPPROPRIATE BY ADMINISTRATION ***



Tardy Policy

- 1st Offense: Warning & Parent Phone Call
- 2nd Offense: Warning & Parent Phone Call
- 3rd Offense: 1 day of Lunch Detention
- 4th Offense: 1 day of ISS
- 5th Offense: 2 days of ISS
- 6th Offense: 2 days of OSS



Skipping Policy

- 1st Offense: Parent Link & Lunch Detention or Work Detail
- 2nd Offense: 1 Day ISS
- 3rd Offense: 2 Days ISS
- 4th Offense: 2 Days OSS for willful disobedience

Student Code of Conduct

District's Policy Manual

Students and families, please visit the District's Student Code of Conduct. You can find it in our Armwood Website or click the link below.

[Student Code of Conduct - Welcome - Hillsborough County Public Schools \(sdhc.k12.fl.us\)](http://sdhc.k12.fl.us)

Respect for law and for those persons in authority shall be expected of all students. This respect includes conformity to school rules as well as general provisions of law affecting students. Respect for the rights of others, consideration of their privileges, and cooperative citizenship shall also be expected of all members of the school community.

Respect for real and personal property; pride in one's work; achievement within the range of one's ability, and exemplary personal standards of courtesy, decency, and honesty shall be maintained in the schools of this District.

The Board has zero tolerance for conduct that poses a serious threat to school safety. Zero tolerance policies must apply equally to all students, and are not intended to be rigorously applied to petty acts of misconduct and misdemeanors. This zero tolerance policy does not require the reporting of petty acts of misconduct and misdemeanors to a law enforcement agency, including, but not limited to disorderly conduct, disrupting a school function, simple assault or battery, affray, theft of less than \$300, trespassing, and vandalism of less than \$1,000. The District will seek to use alternatives to expulsion or referral to law enforcement agencies unless the use of such alternatives will pose a threat to school safety.

The District shall enter into agreements with local law enforcement specifying procedures for ensuring that acts that pose a serious threat to school safety, whether committed by a student or adult, are reported to a law enforcement agency.

Students may be subject to discipline for violation of the Code of Student Conduct even if that conduct occurs on property not owned or controlled by the Board but that is connected to activities or incidents that have occurred on property owned or controlled by the Board. Students also may be subject to discipline for conduct that, regardless of where it occurs, is directed at a Board official or employee or the property of such official or employee.

Student conduct shall be governed by the rules and provisions of the Code of Student Conduct. This Code of Student Conduct shall be reviewed annually.


F.S. 1006.07, 1006.13
F.A.C. 6A-1.0404

Coming to Armwood 2021 - 2022 School Year

Hawk House System

Students, you will be rushing for your house at the beginning of the school year.
Ask your teachers!

ALTRUISMO



House of Givers

Heritage: **Brazil**
 Language: **Portuguese**
 Symbolic Animal: **The Snake**
 Staff Leader: **Mr. James**

AMISTAD



House of Friendship

Heritage: **Spain**
 Language: **Spanish**
 Symbolic Animal: **The Peacock**
 Staff Leader: **Mr. Statt**

ISIBINDI



House of Courage

Heritage: **South Africa**
 Language: **Zulu**
 Symbolic Animal: **The Swan & Lion**
 Staff Leader: **Ms. Widerberg**

RÊVEUR



House of Dreamers

Heritage: **France**
 Language: **French**
 Symbolic Animal: **The Wolf**
 Staff Leader: **Mr. Ferrario**