



## Coming Events

Oct. 16  
Band marches  
in SIUC  
Homecoming Parade

Oct. 19  
SIC College Fair

Oct. 19  
Photo Retake Day

Oct. 20  
SIU Day

Oct. 21, 23, 24  
Newsies at SIC

Oct. 21  
Parent-Teacher  
Conferences

Oct 23  
Cross Country  
Regionals

Oct. 25  
Volleyball  
Regionals Begin

Oct. 29-30  
First Round  
Football Playoffs

Oct. 30  
Community  
Trick or Treat

Nov. 11  
No School  
Veteran's Day

Nov. 24-26  
No School  
Thanksgiving  
Holiday

Dec. 17  
Dismiss  
for Winter Break

# Marching Bulldogs continue to chew 'em up in annual parade, field show competitions

Ryan Wilson

For the past two years band director Hannah Drake has worked day and night to make sure COVID didn't get the best of the award-winning band program.

One necessary change was a move out of the band room and into the gym.

"It is impossible to social distance with the number of students we have in band," Drake said. "We've been rehearsing in Davenport Gym since we came back to school in fall of 2020. That has presented its own challenges, but we're lucky that we have been allowed to play indoors."

While the band wasn't able to participate in parade season last fall, they kept their skills sharp in other ways.

"Even though we didn't have many public performances last year we found ways to adapt and make the most out of it," Drake said. "Our Christmas concert was virtual and we participated in the virtual IHSA Solo and Ensemble contest. I would say that being able to rehearse consistently kept us in shape for this school year. Even though our performances weren't in a traditional setting

it was nice to have a goal to work towards throughout the year."

Many of this year's band members have never marched in a parade, and show-stopping performances are something for which the Bulldog Marching Band is well known.

"Probably the biggest hurdle we have had to overcome is the number of band members who haven't marched as a high school student," Drake said. "Close to 50% of the band are freshman and sophomores. That means that half of our group has never performed a halftime show, and they have never competed as a marching band."

Drake thinks the requirement to start performing with juniors and seniors is one of the biggest challenges of marching band.

"I've always said band is unique because it is the largest team you can be a part of," Drake said. "The freshman are expected to perform at the same level as the seniors. It has been extremely helpful to have a strong group of student leaders who have gone out of their way to make sure their section members are prepared."

If crowd reaction is any indication, the community is thrilled to have the band back on the field during half time.

"I think I can speak for everyone when I

say we feel very lucky to be back performing normally at games and competitions," Drake said. "It would have been easy to everyone to lose hope that we might not get to do that again. I appreciate everyone's dedication to our program. We have come back this year ready to work hard and get ready for Friday night games and Saturday competitions. So far, that hard work has paid off. We've had a very successful season so far and we hope to [finish just as strong]."

Seniors Kendall Vallette and Kirsten Eversmann are finishing their last year as drum majors and training and freshman Ali Hankins to assume that leadership role when they graduate. Vallette feels that COVID still causes problems from time to time.

"The many people quarantined every week has affected our sound and overall look in our field show and in the parades," Vallette said.

Nevertheless, she believes that they will end her senior year on a high note.

"I believe our season will end with another undefeated year," Vallette said. "The band puts in a lot of time and dedication, and it pays off. I've very much enjoyed my last season as a Marching Bulldog."



Photos by Krystal Wilson.

Top left, Band majors Kirsten Eversmann, Kendall Vallette, and Ali Hankins prepare to lead the band. Top right, freshman Bella Dooley performs as a member of the color guard at a half time show. Bottom, The marching Bulldogs prepare to take the field. The band is repeating their past winning seasons, including a first at the prestigious Mt. Vernon field show competition.

# Art teacher paints new guidelines due to COVID pandemic

Braxtyn Baugher

Art teacher Emily Wallace started teaching here this fall. She is thinking creatively to make sure the art program can stay alive.

“My long term goals include making sure that students have opportunities to display their art around the schools and in the community,” Wallace said “I know that the art club is already working to make connections in the community and do some projects outside of school. I also hope to include some little bits of art appreciation in all of my classes!”

Wallace’s final years of schooling were deeply impacted by the pandemic, but that didn’t stop her from achieving her goal of becoming a teacher.

“The pandemic definitely affected my final years of schooling,” Wallace said. “I still can’t believe it, but I

actually spent my entire student teaching experience teaching art to kindergarten through fourth grade students over Google Meets and using resources in Google Classroom. That at was challenging just for the fact that it was hard to check in with the students’ projects and offer them hands-on help, let alone making sure that they all had supplies and access to our virtual meetings. It definitely forced me to think outside of the box though, which I am grateful for.”

The pandemic has made the lives of students difficult as there are times when they cannot attend school in person. For those in art classes, there are specific challenges as they can’t necessarily paint on a Chromebook.

“I know it’s frustrating for students who can’t be in person all the time because there are some supplies and projects that are hard to take home,” Wallace said.

The art program has many branches to it as there are many different professions that require different types of specialties. One might think it is challenging to manage all of the courses, but Wallace isn’t scared of the challenge.

“As far as my plans for the art program, I am very excited to be teaching the new ceramics classes at HHS,” Wallace said. “I want those students to be able to make as many quality projects as they can that they can actually take home and use. For all my classes, I hope to

give students the art-making “tools” they need to create interesting pieces, and then help them to make artwork using different media and different approaches so that they can show them off, keep them, and then continue developing their art skills.”

Wallace hopes to teach her students to use their artistic talents to voice their opinions.

“Art is so important to me because of its expressive capabilities,” Wallace said. “I truly do believe that art holds a special place in school for how it allows students to develop creativity and confidence to create independent works that mean or convey something important to them. It can aid them in their development and understanding themselves and gives them a new way to interact with and understand the world around them.”

With the recent elimination of the art program at SIC, there are going to be many area students who are forced to either not go after their goals in the field of art or go to a college that has a program supporting those goals. Although Wallace didn’t attend college at SIC, there is no doubt that she doesn’t support such an act.

“In regards to the community college, it always saddens me to find out that an art program has been cut as it happens far too often,” Wallace said. “I know that it will be a loss for Harrisburg’s community culture.”

# Vocational program changes hands, expands



“This is my first year teaching. I attended Blackburn College in Carlinville and graduated with a Bachelor Degree in Biology in 2005.

“After working in ag sales for 15 years here in Harrisburg, I was ready to start applying some of the experience I gained to helping develop young minds.

“I am pleased to be given the opportunity to teach at Harrisburg as I am a lifelong resident and passionate about all things Harrisburg and Bulldogs.”



“This is my thirty-sixth year teaching. I went to SIC in Harrisburg and SIU in Carbondale. I’ve always loved school. I changed the grade level numerous times but decided once taking adult living classes. I followed in my sister’s (foot)steps.

“Hull is the niece of longtime HHS career and college counselor Raymond Hull.”



Constructions trades teacher Karissa (Hunt) Irlbeck was unavailable for comment. She attended Harrisburg High School (2007).

According to an article by Renee Trappe for the Daily Register, she is a union carpenter and has worked for 14 years.



I have been an agriculture teacher for 16 years. I attended Murray State University.

I chose to become a teacher so that I could give students the same opportunities in FFA that I had as a student and to share my passion for the agriculture Industry with others.

It is also a job that gives me time to help with my family’s cattle and grain farm in the evenings and during the summer.



Photos provided.

Top: Students pot ferns in the greenhouse. Middle: The FFA bow shooting teams competed earlier this month. Bottom. Junior Evan McDermott uses the circular saw in Butler’s Ag Construction class.

# Club schedule resumes Most clubs see fewer students participating

Drew Hawkins

Clubs were left in the dust by COVID last year and are just now making a comeback. The comeback has been slow though, with numbers in clubs smaller than those from two years ago.

Pep Club is no exception to the rule. Though Pep Club gets the most student involvement normally, it has still had trouble with numbers in students. "Freshman and sophomores have never experienced clubs," Pep Club adviser Hilary Ford said. "The junior and senior numbers are similar to the past."

Other clubs are also under new leadership this year. FFA is now led by ag teachers Travis Butler and Chris Evans. Evans was the FFA sponsor at Crab Orchard, but advising a club is a new experience for Butler.

"There are fewer students than I expected because of COVID," Butler said.

Both Butler and Evans participated in FFA as students at HHS.

FFA was somewhat active last year, but they didn't have the same activities they usually have.

"(I missed) overnight conventions and livestock judging," senior Paxton Garbel said. "Overnight conventions are a really good bonding experience with your members and you get to meet people from all over the state."

Garbel is a four-year member of the club

There are also new clubs being introduced this year. One proposed club is E-sports, a competitive gaming club that has risen in popularity over the past decade. The E-sports club was introduced by business teacher John Sanders. Schools such as Murphysboro and Carbondale already have gaming teams/clubs.

They will be competing in three games this year: Rocket League, Super Smash Bros, and League of Legends. According to the IHSA web page, these three games don't "represent an inclusive list." The club is designed to appeal to those with a love of playing video games.

One hurdle to be crossed is funding as reliable gaming computers are a necessity for the club.

Key Club also ran a limited schedule with just a few members last year, but has returned to normal practices this year.

"We do have a slightly slower number than we did than the last year that we had clubs," adviser Cathy Wall said. "I don't think it will affect us a whole lot because we have several service opportunities that don't require everyone to be there at one time."

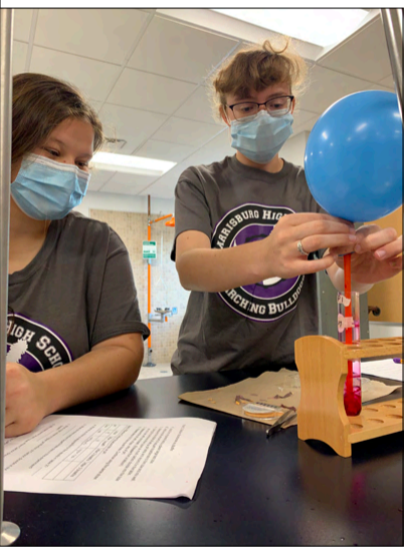
Wall feels like the number of students enrolled isn't the most important aspect of clubs.

"While we would all like to have lots of students involved in our clubs, the most important part is broadening their experiences in some way," Wall said. "If students can practice a job-related skill or build community relationships, I think the club experience is successful. If they meet new people or learn to look at the world in a new way, I think the club experience is successful. In service clubs like Key Club and White Hats, we are working to make our students more empathetic and more community-minded. When that happens, everybody wins."



Photos provided

**Pep Club decides the theme for each game's Dog Pound. So are this year they have used Black-Out, Red, White and Blue Night, and Country and Frat themes for home games.**




Photos by Drew Hawkins and Paxton Garbel.

**A return to a full day means that science students are spending more time in the lab than they have in the last two years.**


**Left, seniors Rachel Hutchison and Rachel Lands fill a balloon during a pH lab in Chemistry 2.**

**Center, junior Kayleigh Hodge expresses her surprise when her burner lights in Chemistry 1.**

**Right, seniors Isaac Winkleman and Mitch Quisenberry work on their pH lab.**



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# Unit #3 remains committed to in-person learning

Kelee Mills

In the light of COVID students are still pursuing their education. Most students haven't had a normal school year since May of 2020. But principal Scott Dewar thinks this year is still better than last.

"I have never been a fan of remote learning and students should have the opportunity to be in a classroom with qualified teachers," Dewar said. Many students participated through remote learning last year, and there were rumors around Labor Day that remote learning was likely to return. Assistant principal John Crabb has doubts that HHS will return to remote learning unless serious conditions force it.

"Our school board has made a commitment to our students to keep them in school, which I am in favor of," Crabb said. Should conditions force HHS to return to remote learning, there is a plan in place.

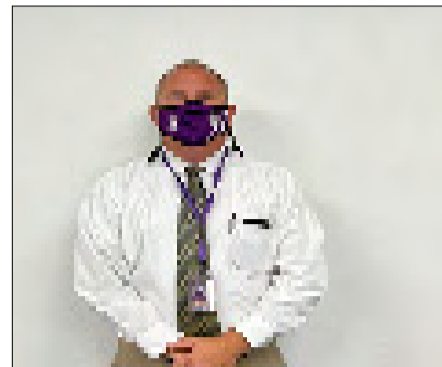
"We would continue to utilize Google Classroom, and any other resources to help our students," Crabb said.

Since students have returned to school more cases of COVID have been reported. Every reported case must be traced by the school nurse, Angie Shires. This means that all students who were within three feet of an infected student must be identified.

"Each case takes about 2 1/2-3 hours," Shires said. Shires explained the process for contact tracing.

I turn in names based on school contacts only," Shires said. "We look at seating charts mainly. Each student that sits within three feet of a positive student will be placed under quarantine. Any lunch contacts or out of school contacts will be turned in by the person who tests positive. Anyone who is fully vaccinated, will not have to quarantine unless they develop symptoms."

Junior Emma Unthank was quarantined earlier this year. "Quarantine wasn't too bad other than not being able to do anything



"I have a passion for teaching and being a mentor to our students. Hard to do both of those things if students are not in-person."

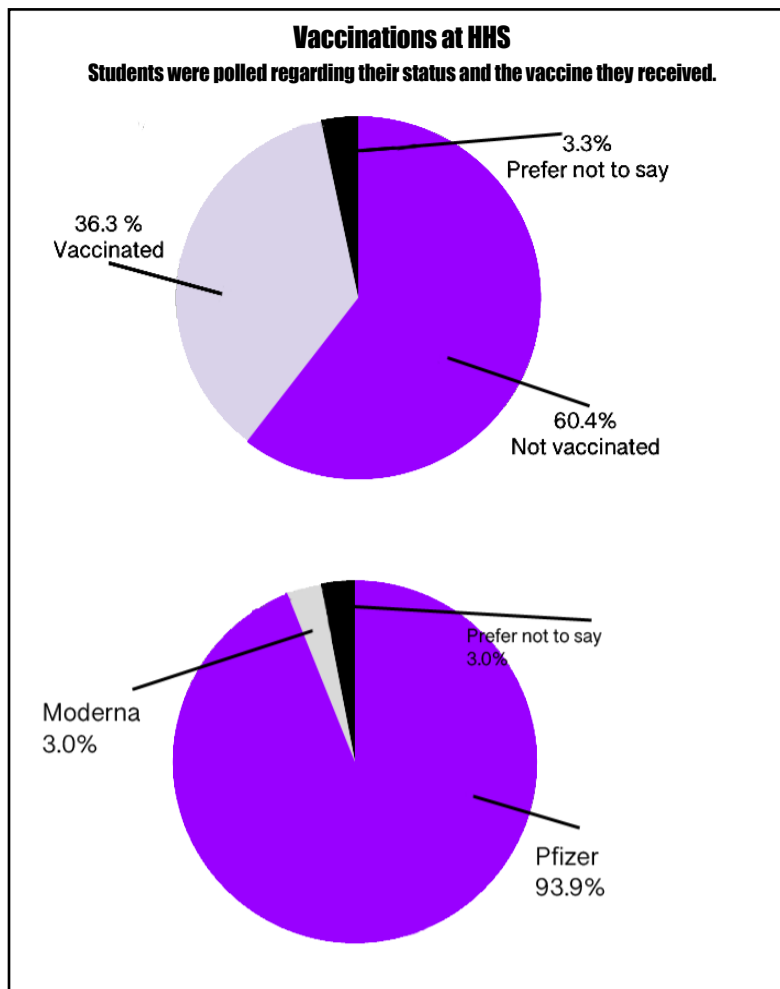
really," Unthank said.

Junior Abbie Graham was quarantined due to contracting COVID

"I think having COVID was a lot worse than the flu," Graham said. "I never thought it would be bad or (that I would) get it until I got it," Graham said.

While many people dislike wearing masks, they have been proven to reduce the spread of the virus.

"I am personally not a fan of wearing a mask all day, but it is not our decision to make," Crabb said. "The State (Board of Education) has handed down a decision to make them mandatory, so that is what we have to do."



## COVID-19 Update

1,523 Total cases for Tri-County

825 Saline County  
243 ages 0-18  
609 ages 18+

533 White County  
101 ages 0-18  
429 ages 18+

138 Gallatin County  
27 ages 0-18  
111 ages 18+

# Egyptian Health Department works to increase vaccinated in Saline County area

Francesca Messerschmidt

Rising COVID cases have led the Egyptian Health Department to work toward getting the local population vaccinated.

The Illinois Department of Public Health states people ages twelve and older sit at 64.12% fully vaccinated against COVID-19 in the state of Illinois.

According to the CDC, the United States is 55.3% vaccinated.

Holly Frymire is the Marketing Coordinator and contact tracer at Egyptian Health Department. Among her tasks is monitoring the rate at which Saline County citizens are being vaccinated.

"Saline County is about 37% fully vaccinated," Frymire said.

The community has many opinions when it comes to the COVID-19 pandemic and the vaccine.

"The biggest challenge is the divide it has caused our community members," Frymire said regarding challenges EHD is facing with vaccines.

The EHD is doing many things to encourage community members to educate themselves on COVID and get the vaccine.

"We have implemented several campaigns," Frymire said.

These include masking campaigns, holiday guidance campaigns and vaccine hesitancy campaigns according to

Frymire. High school students tend to do better after contracting COVID and are easier to treat than older adults.

"I am not concerned about high school students being hospitalized or dying, but am gravely concerned about a teen being stricken with long hauler symptoms," Dr. Michael Blain said. "In general, most high school students do very well with the acute infection period of COVID. Most students have mild symptoms and recover uneventfully."

Blain is Chief Medical Officer with Christopher Rural Health.

Some treatments are being shown to not be as helpful as people believe, and misinformation is leading to ineffective self-treatment.

There are many different ways to treat, and minimize the multiple symptoms COVID brings.

"I have avoided prescribing hydroxychloroquine and ivermectin as these medications have not been proven to be helpful in multiple scientific studies," Blain said.

Exercise is also being proven to reduce COVID symptoms and minimize more severe illness in certain COVID cases.

"Walking is probably some of the best (exercise) advice I can give a patient because laying around can easily lead to pneumonia and thereby lead to serious complications and even death," Blain said.

Have you received the COVID vaccine?  
"I got it and it hasn't affected me in a bad way. I think it helps."  
-Sophomore Jensen Naas



Senior, Drew Hawkins received his COVID-19 vaccine earlier this month at Walgreens.



In class or at practice, masking and social distancing has become part of daily life at HHS.

What has your experience with COVID been?  
"I had COVID. I hated it, I'd never wanted to leave the house more. I felt like I was on my deathbed. I had all the symptoms except loss of smell and taste."  
-Senior Hannah Bolin



What are your thoughts on the COVID vaccine?  
"I don't have a big opinion on it but I've heard it helps and I've heard it also gets people sick."  
-Senior Ryan Wilson

## THE CDC SAYS

Unvaccinated people are more likely to be hospitalized, or die of COVID-19.

Information from the CDC

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2003: SARS coronavirus outbreak prompts vaccine research

2016: First SARS 1 coronavirus vaccine created

2018: FDA approves use of lipid nanoparticles as drug delivery system

2019: COVID-19's causative virus, SARS-CoV-2 is isolated

2020: COVID-19 vaccine trials begin

2020: The FDA approves the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines for emergency use

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# Former Saluki training Big Dogs

*Paxton Garbel*

Change is a good thing especially when it comes with a Bulldog victory.

This year the Harrisburg varsity football team is under new leadership, History teacher and former assistant coach Matt Griffith has stepped into the lead position and the results have been encouraging for Bulldog football fans.

Griffith is a former Salukis football player. He has plans for new forms of respect and tactical methods not only on but off the field as well.

“The main goals for this year was to establish a good culture along with turning these boys into respectable men,” Griffith said. “The boys need a winning record to make it to the playoffs and that is what we are striving for during this season.”

The team has been adapting to the new coaching staff, but just like any other team, Griffith and the boys have faced many roadblocks. “The biggest roadblock is ourselves,” Griffith said.

“Getting over simple mistakes and knowing our assignments. Every team is a roadblock; we don’t play any bad teams.”

The boys had a winning record of 4-2 at press time. This is a great improvement from last year’s record of 2-4.

Griffith expects the same growth in himself that he asks of his players.

“The last four years I have been just offensive line and defensive line,” Griffith said. “This year was the first year I have ever called an offensive series. Plus I have worked with my other coaches on coming up with better game plans and how to put them in action.” Griffith isn’t the only one noticing his improvements.

“I think Griffith has improved. He has a lot of energy and has changed this team from one that is just playing football to one that is loving football. Just look at the record,” Dog Pound leader Ryan Wilson.

This season has electrified school spirit as well. The Dog Pound travels to away games to cheer the team on.

Player have seen a ground up change in the way things are done. “Practices are much more organized and productive. We have a pretty good personal level with Griffith, he has always been real with us. Practices and games are very serious, and it has turned our team into a winning team,” senior Sam Martin said.



Photo by Drew Hawkins.

**Senior Isaac Winkleman, turns to coaches for advice during second quarter.**

# Soccer team moves into post-season with winning season

*Paxton Garbel*

This year’s Bulldog soccer team ended their season with a record of 11-8-2. The boys team has been on the field striving for improvement every chance they have.

“I feel like since last year we have come together and shown improvement,” senior Jesus Aboyte.

The soccer boys have strong friendships with each other off the field as well.

“What sets us apart from teams or even other teams is how close each and every player is with one another,” junior Grant Wilson said. “Our team’s chemistry is above average because we are a team on and off the field. That helps us predict or already know what (a teammate is) going to do once they receive the ball. On the regular weekend, you can find most of the boys together hanging out or at the field together.

As a senior, Aboyte is happy to be ending his high school career with a winning record.

“I am very happy with the overall outcome of the season. The team puts in effort in everything they do on the field,” Aboyte said.

Earlier this year, the team gifted Dr. Roger Herrin and Superintendent Mike Gauch with a signed soccer balls for their support of the team, but support of the team also extends to players who have graduated, a trait Aboyte plans to share.



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**Dr. Roger Herrin and Superintendent Mike Gauch are presented with balls signed by the members of the soccer team in appreciation for their support.**



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**Congratulations to senior Madison McClusky and sophomore Frankie Leigh Nichols and coach Cindy Black on their Class 1A State Golf appearance. Both golfers stayed in play until the final day of the tournament in Decatur. Bulldog Nation is proud of your accomplishment!**

**Congratulations to the Lady Bulldog Volleyball team on their third place finish in the Gold Division at the Herrin Invitational. Senior Chelsea Davidson and junior Kayleigh Hodge were name to the All-Tourney Team.**

# Freshmen find new interests, friends as they adapt to HHS

Sarah Girtman

Adapting to a different schedule, a more complex grading system, and a bigger school is always part of freshmen year, but COVID adds the mask policy, social distancing, and other requirements.

"It's definitely been a compounded adjustment for them," algebra teacher Cooper Thompson said. "Between having to go back to full day and being at a new school, yeah, I think it's a difficult transition for sure."

According to physical science and biology teacher Taryn Dewar, the biggest challenge is communication.

"Wearing a mask has made people talk less, and I feel like maybe even use their phones more," Dewar said. "It's hard to understand people sometimes."

Some of the restrictions are the same as last year.

"Since we had COVID restrictions last year in eighth grade, I think it wasn't as hard to adjust to the restrictions here," freshman Bella Teston said. "We've already seen it, but I also think that more people are going to get quarantined."

The teachers and administration have high expectations for their students.

"My expectations are for them to do the best work that they can, and hopefully we can get some missed learning caught up," Dewar said.

Thompson's concerns are about attendance.

"I suppose any general expectation a teacher could have for a student is being here when you're able to be here, so if you're not quarantined, being in attendance, getting your work done, being punctual."

In spite of restrictions, freshmen are experiencing many things that weren't part of high school last year like the return of sports and events.

"We're back to normal in terms of the high school schedule," Thompson said. "We have Homecoming in the fall, we have football. I think the sports and the extracurriculars have returned."

Freshmen are excited about this turn of events.

"I think we're definitely enjoying them how they are, but there's still some restrictions," said Teston.



Photo by Victoria Higgs.



Photo by Sara Girtman.

**Freshmen Chandler Questelle (above) and Xander Robinson and Colton Prather (below) are building both muscles and brain power as they move through their freshmen year.**

*Freshman firsts...  
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