

HFPA

Dear Homewood-Flossmoor High School (HFHS) Community Members,

During the 2009-2010 school years, the Homewood-Flossmoor Parent's Association (HFPA) has been finding its value with the help of the HFHS administration, staff, and parents. We want to thank Superintendent, Dr. Von Mansfield and Principal, Dr. Ryan Pitcock for encouraging us to be a part of the HFHS team. This positive working relationship made it a great year for the HFPA. Here is what we accomplished:

Principal Meetings - held at HFHS on the first Wednesday of the month from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. Principal Pitcock runs these meetings with an agenda that is current, informative, and full of the inside happenings at HFHS. Several Department Chairs attend each meeting and parents are encouraged to ask questions at the end of every meeting. For copies of the 2009-2010 Meeting Minutes look under the HFPA web page under "Parents" on the HFHS web site.

Dr. Pitcock Visits the Junior Highs – in January of 2010 and talks to 8th grade families. Along with HFHS' curriculum Director Nancy Spaniak, Dr. Pitcock visited both Parker and James Hart junior highs and gave an energetic, content-packed presentation on what incoming students and families can expect from HF High School. Due to the great response, this meeting is scheduled to repeat each January.

HFPA Scholarships – were awarded to 5 deserving seniors this year. The HFPA Scholarship Chair worked with HFHS staff to develop scholarship criteria. We are so proud to have given each student \$500 to further their education beyond HFHS. The HFPA does not fundraise; instead generous parents donate as little as \$10 to the HFPA Scholarship Fund by writing a check or paying on-line during Registration Days. You may also mail a check to the HFPA at HFHS, 999 Kedzie, Flossmoor, IL 60422. The HFHS Foundation manages the HFPA Scholarship Fund and many other Scholarships for HFHS. These small donations add up and help offset the cost of college for our students.

E-Mail Blasts – will continue to be sent twice a month. In August at Registration Days, we will collect e-mail addresses based on the student's graduating class in order for you to receive "class-specific" information. For example, there may be e-mails tailored specifically for Class of 2014 freshmen parents, or Class of 2011

senior parents. Our general “e-blasts” with announcements that pertain to all families will be on Sunday’s. You only need to give the HFPA your e-mail address once at Registration Days. If you already signed up at Freshman Orientation you will not have to sign up again. We will automatically move your e-mail information each year as your student changes grade levels. However, if you change your e-mail address please contact us at HFHSPA@gmail.com.

Volunteer Opportunities – were coordinated by the HFPA throughout the school year. You may have seen us in our red sweaters at Voyage to Excellence, College Night, Career Fair, Teachers Appreciation Day, Honors Convocation, etc... If you are interested in helping at HFHS, there are 3 levels of volunteers:

- **Committee Member** – sign up by putting your contact information on our general volunteer list. Typically you will only need to work for 2 hours, and someone will be on-site to give you instructions.
- **Committee Chair** – sign up to chair an event/program. This will take more time; most of it from home. This position may be shared. Example: Career Fair Chair works with the Assistant Principal from North Building to plan the event, which takes place in March of each school year. The Chair helps organize presenters and volunteers for the day of the event.
- **Officer** – become a member of the HFPA Executive Board. View the HFPA bylaws positions and decide if you want to learn more about the positions. Contact an HFPA Board Member. We would be happy to talk you so come early to a Principal Meeting and meet the Board.

HFPA Website – is now up and running and has enhanced our communication at HFHS. We plan to add many links to this site. We also hope to add: curfew times for our students in the Southland, more information on HFHS dances, college information, programs sponsored at HFHS, donation opportunities, and chaperone possibilities just to name a few. We will also post the calendar dates for the Principal Meetings, and dates for the HFHS social events and programs where the HFPA is volunteering. We will use the web site to communicate current information at HFHS.

The HFPA Executive Board and Committee Members would like to thank everyone at HFHS for the opportunity to enrich communication among the school, the home, and the community with the overall success of the HF student as our number one goal! WE ARE HF!