



Greetings SCH Family,

It was quite exciting this past Friday as 500+ people gathered to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Hammond Tech/ACC! People from all over the country made the trek to Tech; we had graduates from all the way back to 1944 in the audience! A big thank you to Joe Hegyes, Class of '68 at Tech and current ACC custodian, for planning and executing a wonderful event. I heard story after story about how Tech and the vocational model (now CTE) prepared people for success in their life.



Have a great week and I'll see you at school!

- Scott

SCH Events

- September 9th - Executive Session - 5:30 p.m. at the Administration Center
September 9th - Special Board Meeting - 6 p.m. at the Administration Center
September 9th through September 13th - Book Fair - Lincoln ES
September 11th - Colts/NFL Coach of the Week Honored (Sean Kinsey) at 8 a.m. - Morton HS
September 12th - Annual Title 1 Parent Meeting - 2:30 p.m. - Lincoln ES

Curriculum

Area Career Center

Upwards of 500 guests – most former Hammond Tech students poured into the ACC this past Friday, September 6th. Superintendent Miller and ACCU Principal JoEllen Raby attempted to fill the gaps of our 100 years of progress since 1919. Yet, it was Joe Hegyes who brought the house in – and brought it down with this opportunity to reminisce and celebrate. It was a truly remarkable evening!



This photo shows the enthusiasm these former students have for their alma mater actually exchanging old school Autographs from one another!

Alejandro, current Construction Technology student in Mr. Scott Ciupak's program and also National Technical Honor Society member, helped to give tours to the scores of curious former Tech Tigers.



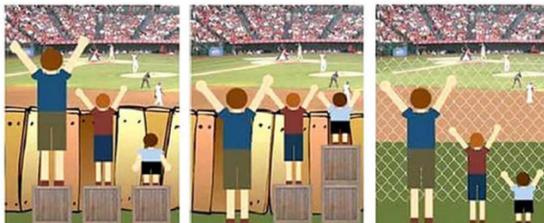
Head Start



Head Start recognizes that the likelihood of better outcomes for children increases when support is given to the growth and development of both the child and parent generations. This type of support will be in full-swing over the next two weeks. Children will be coming to school for individually scheduled developmental screenings. While the children are being screened, parents will be meeting with their Family Support Specialists (FSS) to work together on the development of a Family Partnership Agreement. The parent and FSS will work to develop a goal and associated steps for achievement that consider the family's strengths & needs and supports the parent's efforts for growth and stability. Examples of goals would include: going to school or training, accessing better housing or better job, finding a doctor to meet the family's needs, establishing consistent family routines, etc. After the goal is established, the FSS will work with the parent as a resource and provider of encouragement.

Language Development Program

EQUALITY VERSUS EQUITY



In the first image, it is assumed that everyone will benefit from the same supports. They are being treated equally. In the second image, individuals are given different supports to make it possible for them to have equal access to the game. They are being treated equitably. In the third image, all three can see the game without any supports or accommodations because the cause of the inequity was addressed. The systemic barrier has been removed.

How do we provide equity for our students? Do all of our students begin from the same place with the same resources?

Equity and equality are two strategies we can use in an effort to produce fairness. Equity is giving everyone what they need to be successful. Equality is treating everyone the same. Equality aims to promote fairness, but it can only work if everyone starts from the same place and needs the same help.

Secondary Curriculum

The Curriculum Department understands the need to support students' social and emotional wellness; while ensuring that they are College and/or Career ready. As a result, we have several initiatives in place to promote this success for students. We are working with guidance counselors to implement the ASCA model and spend more time giving direct services to students. We have received a grant from Arcelor Mittal to expose more students to STEM related careers. All 8th graders will participate in this experience. We received the local career coaching grant to implement a CCR certification for students K-12. We are working with BP Amoco to give students authentic engineering and STEM experiences. We continue to focus on students' social emotional wellness by implementing a district-wide SEL curriculum for students. All of our activities are directly aligned with the IDOE's new social emotional competencies and employability skills.

Food & Nutrition

National School Lunch Week is Coming!



We will be celebrating National School Lunch Week from October 14 -18! This year's theme is: "School Lunch: What's on Your Playlist,". National School Lunch Week will highlight the nutritious foods available daily at our schools. School lunches offer students fruits and vegetables, whole grains and milk, and meet federal nutrition standards limiting fat, calories and sodium. It helps us educate parents and students about all the benefits of our lunch program and the appealing variety of choices in the cafeteria.

The federally-funded National School Lunch Program (NSLP) has been fueling students for success for more than 70 years and we are in the second year of a four year cycle that allows us to serve lunch to all our SCH students at no cost (we are reimbursed by the USDA for these meals through a program known as the Community Eligibility Provision).

Parents and students can follow the fun using the hashtags #NSLW19, #SchoolLunchPlaylist and #SchoolLunch. For more information on National School Lunch Week check out our Facebook page! www.facebook.com/SCHLunch

Technology

District Instructional Technology eCoach Alisha Foor has an awesome TalkTechTeach Blog – check out the latest edition. If you have great things happening in your classroom, maybe you will be one of the #4sFab5!

TalkTechTeach Blog link: http://chattechforhammond.blogspot.com/

Transportation

Like us on Facebook

The Department of Transportation is now on Facebook! Please all search for and like the School City of Hammond Transportation page. It is the hope to use Facebook to increase communication to the public so they can be more informed on what is happening with transportation for their children. Visitors will be able to see the latest updates on transportation within School City of Hammond, features on staff, and get other information related to school transportation in general.

Stay Informed

An update from the Superintendent is distributed at the beginning of the week.

Follow us on Social Media

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