

A top-down view of various school supplies arranged on a light-colored, distressed wooden surface. On the left, a brown canvas backpack is open, revealing a white calculator, a blue spiral notebook, a white tablet, a wooden ruler, a pair of orange pencils, and a pair of white earbuds. In the center, a silver laptop is partially visible. To the right, a pair of grey canvas sneakers with white laces and white soles is positioned. In the bottom left corner, a round analog clock is partially visible. The text "Welcome to River Hill High School Back to School Night" is overlaid in a bold, dark blue font on the right side of the image.

**Welcome to  
River Hill  
High School  
Back to School Night**



# Strategic Call to Action

## *Learning and Leading with Equity*

**VISION:** Every student and staff member embraces diversity and possesses the skills, knowledge and confidence to positively influence the larger community.



**MISSION:** HCPSS ensures academic success and social-emotional well-being for each student in an inclusive and nurturing environment that closes opportunity gaps.

More information: [www.hcpss.org/scta](http://www.hcpss.org/scta)

# School and System News and Information



## Email

School news, HCPSS News,  
emergency notices



## Text

Urgent / emergency  
notices only



## HCPSS website

[www.hcpss.org](http://www.hcpss.org)

System-wide news and  
information resource



## School website

[rhhs.hcpss.org](http://rhhs.hcpss.org)

One-stop source: school news,  
calendar, sports and clubs,  
staff directory, and more

# Social Media

[School name] Twitter: [@hcpss\\_xxxx](#)

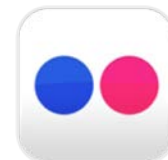
HCPSS Facebook: [www.Facebook.com/HoCoSchools](http://www.Facebook.com/HoCoSchools)

HCPSS Twitter: [www.Twitter.com/HCPSS](http://www.Twitter.com/HCPSS)

HCPSS Instagram: [instagram.com/hocoschools](https://instagram.com/hocoschools)

HCPSS Flickr: [flickr.com/photos/hcpss](https://flickr.com/photos/hcpss)

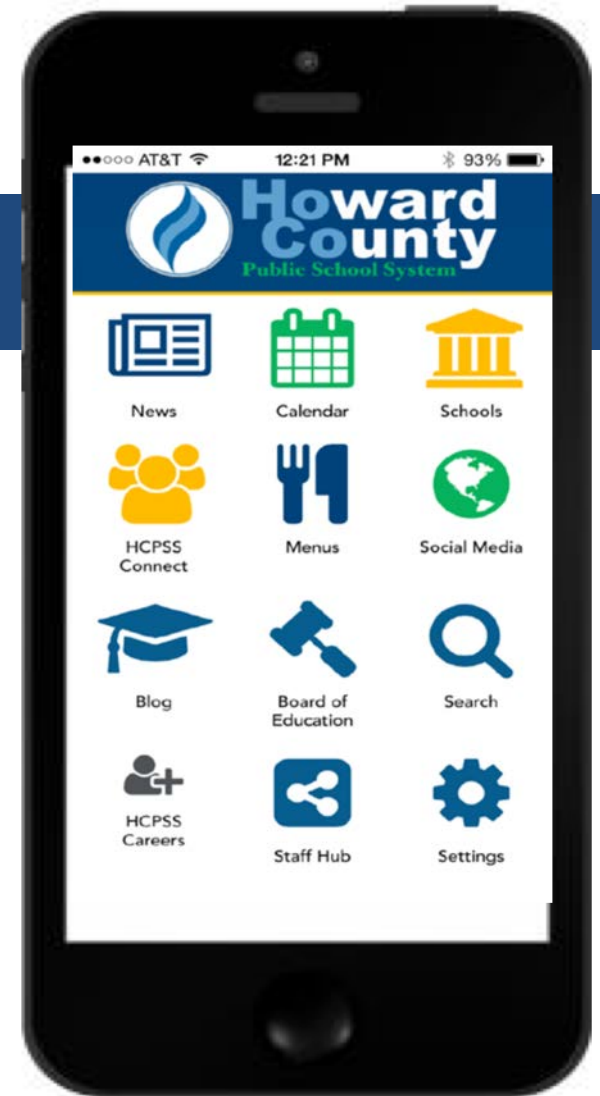
Superintendent Twitter: <https://twitter.com/mjmsuper>



# HCPSS Mobile App

Free download on App Store:

- iPhone
- iPad
- Android



# School Closings/Delays



[www.HCPSS.org](http://www.HCPSS.org)



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HCPSS News



HoCoSchools



HCPSS TV

Verizon 42  
Comcast 72



Hotline

410-313-6666

# Mental Health and Student Supports

School Counselor: Michael Krouse

School Psychologist: Mark Cooper

BSAP Liaison: [In hiring process]

Pupil Personnel Worker: Lauren Stoesser

More information: Search for “mental health” on [www.hcpss.org](http://www.hcpss.org)

**hcpss**  
*connect*

**Synergy Student  
Information System**

**Canvas  
Learning System**

**Family File**

**[www.hcpss.org/connect](http://www.hcpss.org/connect)**



# Update Student Information



FAMILY  
File

- Parent contact information
- Medical data and contacts
- Afterschool transportation
- Data privacy preferences



**Synergy**<sup>®</sup>

Student Information System

- Athletic participation forms

[www.hcpss.org/connect](http://www.hcpss.org/connect)

# HCPSS Connect: How to Get Help

## Login Assistance:

Contact School  
Office



## Guides and Resources:

HCPSS Connect  
Homepage

[www.hcpss.org/connect](http://www.hcpss.org/connect)

# Canvas: What to Expect



Teacher homepage



Student privacy Information



Course information



Calendar due dates

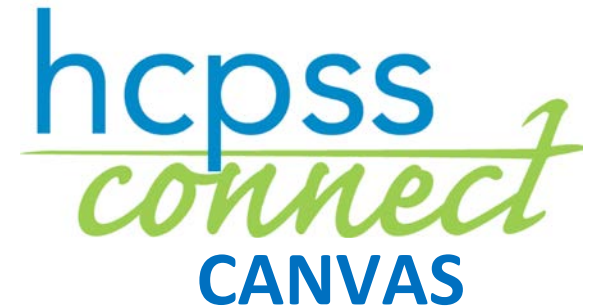
Calendar test dates



Assignment details



Student skill building  
(grade appropriate)



canvas  
mobile apps



Student



Parent



# NAVIANCE

College and career  
readiness program

- 24/7 access
- 7500 colleges
- Career interests and strengths
- Video interviews with industry leaders
- 4-year high school planning

Video overview: “Intro to Naviance” on YouTube



# FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- New application window:  
Oct 1 – Mar 1
- Apply fall of senior year  
*for best consideration*
- *All students should apply;  
required by many colleges  
and scholarship organizations*



Apply online:  
[fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov)

# *Jump*Start

**Offers expanded options to ...**

- gain college credits
- explore possible careers
- earn an associates degree

... In a nurturing, inclusive environment



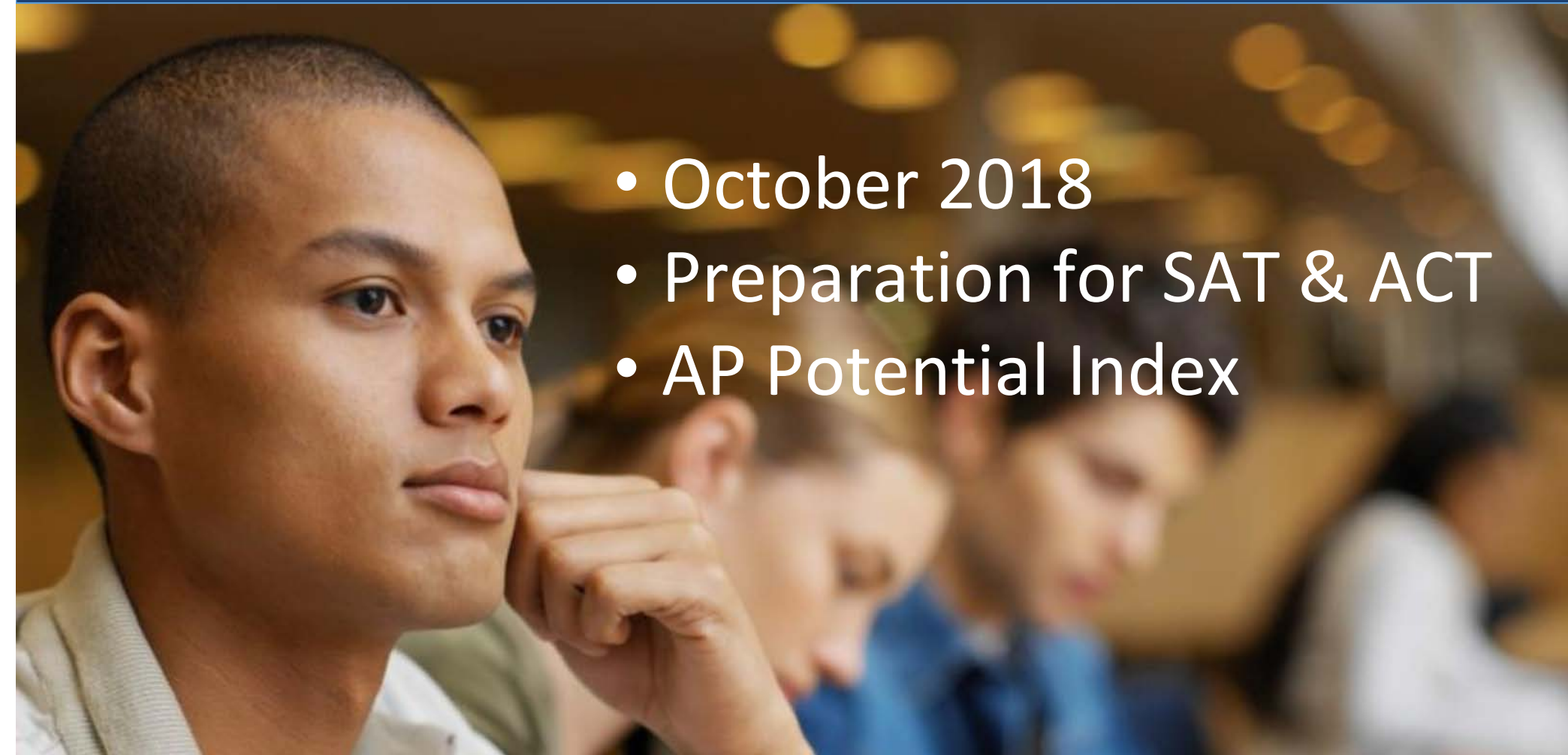
Learn more: [www.hcpss.org/jumpstart/](http://www.hcpss.org/jumpstart/)

# PARCC Assessment

- English 10 and Algebra I
- Scored on 5 point scale
  - Scores of 4-5 indicate on track for college and careers
- Spring assessment

## PSAT – Grades 10-11

- October 2018
- Preparation for SAT & ACT
- AP Potential Index





# SAT – Grades 11-12

Excellent preparation  
for higher education

Admission requirement  
at many colleges

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)



# Advanced Placement (AP) – Grades 10-12



- Excellent preparation for college
- Scores of 3-5 can earn college credit
- ALL students should consider AP

# High School Science

## Curriculum

- Scientific and engineering practices
- Crosscutting concepts across scientific disciplines
- Core ideas in science

## Course requirements

Core courses in each major discipline:

- Earth/Space science
- Life science (biology)
- Physical science (chemistry and physics)

# Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA)



Aligned to HCPSS science curriculum and Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)

- Earth/Space science
- Life science (biology)
- Physical science (chemistry and physics)

# Interactive School Menus



- Food descriptions
- Nutrition and allergens
- Carb counts
- Prepayment links
- Menus
- Breakfast and lunch

- <http://hcpss.nutrislice.com>
- free iPhone or IOS app
- HCPSS Mobile App

# Free and Reduced-Price Meals (FARMs)

Qualifying families can receive:

- Free and discounted school breakfast and lunch
- HCC tuition
- SAT, ACT and AP exam fees
- Camps, sports and child care



Learn more and apply online: [www.hcpss.org/farms/](http://www.hcpss.org/farms/)



# What Your Child Will Learn Guides



- Algebra I
- English 9-11
- American Government
- High School Science

[www.hcpss.org/academics](http://www.hcpss.org/academics)