

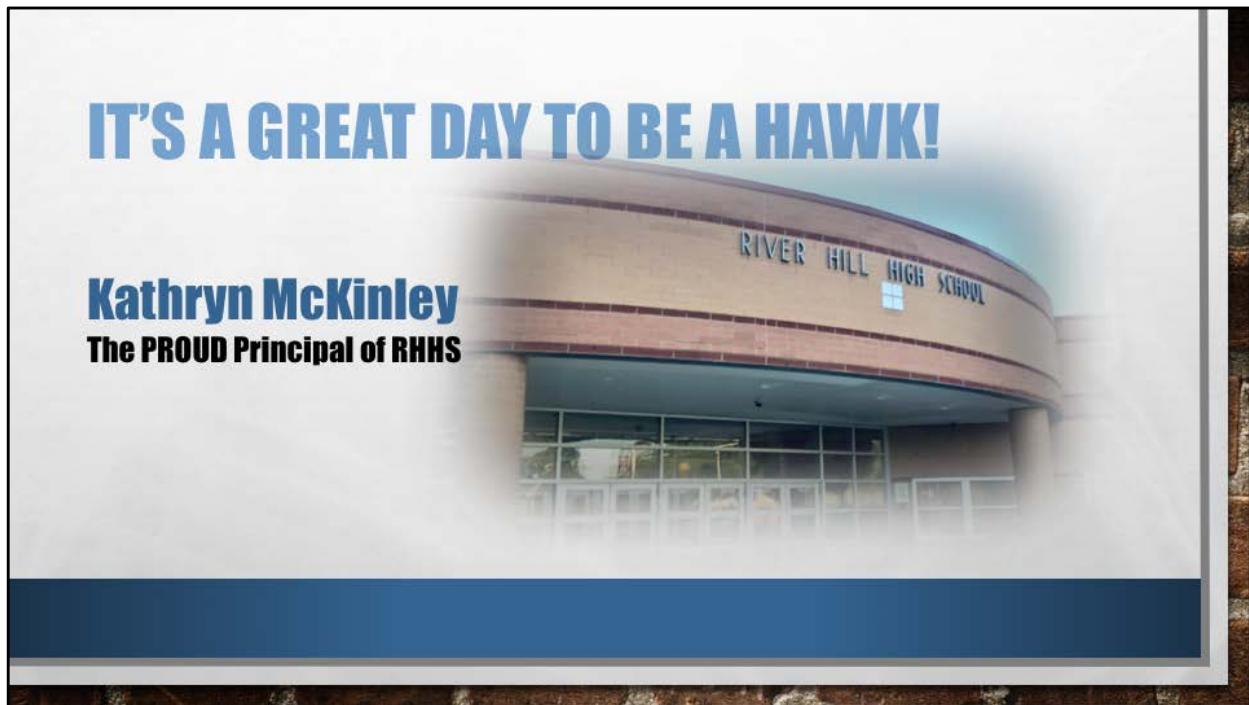
# RIVER HILL HIGH SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL 2018-2019



# IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A HAWK!

**Kathryn McKinley**  
The PROUD Principal of RHHS





## 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.

VALUE

ACHIEVE

EMPOWER

CONNECT

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We commit to **ACHIEVEMENT** by supporting every person in our system - both students and staff - in reaching milestones for personal growth that are appropriate to their goals and strengths.

We **CONNECT** with students, parents and community members in ways that nurture and restore.

We **EMPOWER** schools, employees, families, and community members to actively support student achievement and well-being.



## Strategic Call to Action

*Better and Better Every Day in Every Way*

**VISION:** The River Hill High School students, staff, and families will embrace equity, learning, and well-being in order to impact the local and global community in positive and productive ways.



**MISSION:** River Hill High School will empower students to achieve academic success, develop social-emotional balance, and cultivate the commitment to Hawk PRIDE. We will challenge ourselves to be better every day and to build confident learners who possess the attributes and skills necessary for post-secondary success.

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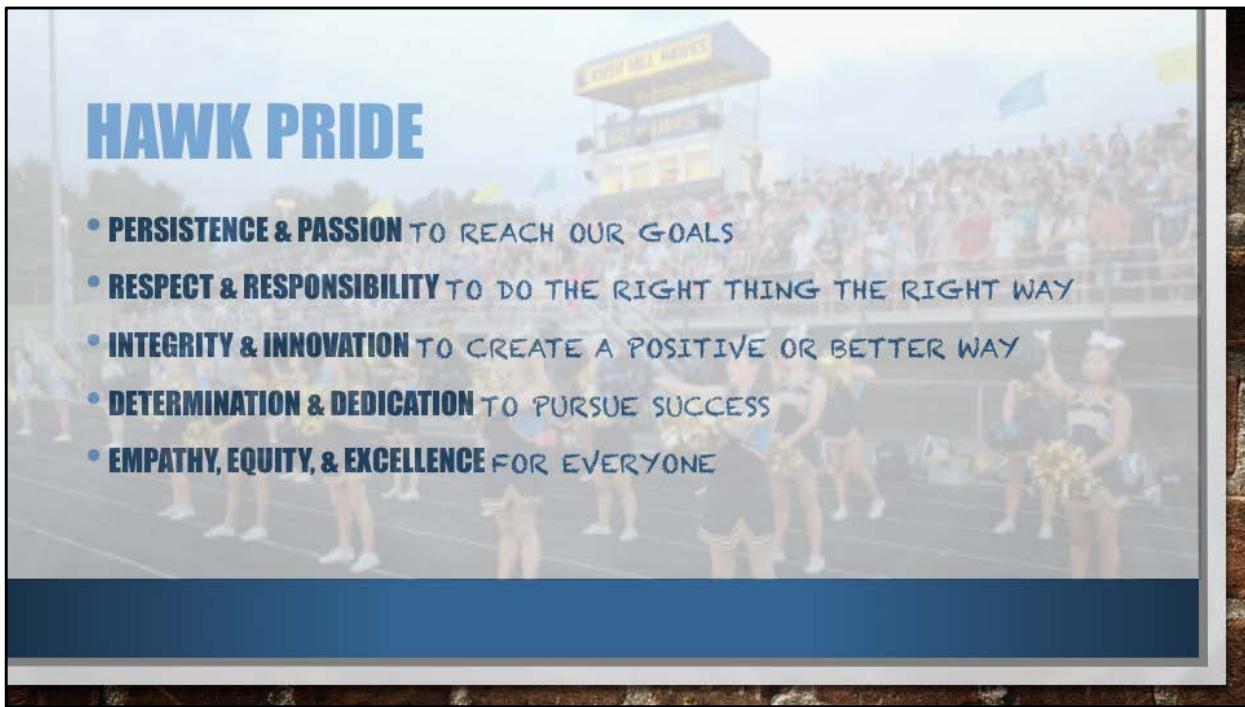
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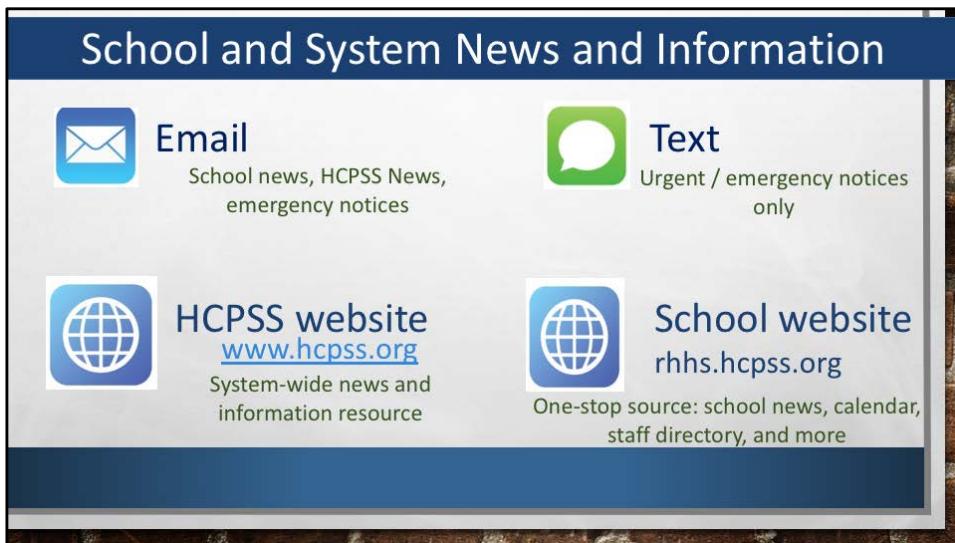
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# HAWK PRIDE

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- **RESPECT & RESPONSIBILITY** TO DO THE RIGHT THING THE RIGHT WAY
- **INTEGRITY & INNOVATION** TO CREATE A POSITIVE OR BETTER WAY
- **DETERMINATION & DEDICATION** TO PURSUE SUCCESS
- **EMPATHY, EQUITY, & EXCELLENCE** FOR EVERYONE





**[Fill in on slide: your school name & web address initials]**

Parents receive news and announcements from our school and from the school system via the HCPSS News service. Parents are automatically registered for this service. Email messages are delivered to the contact information that you provide in the Family File.

You will receive via **Email**:

- School newsletters & other communications
- System-level announcements
- Emergency notifications (school closings/delays).

**Text messages:** Parents are given the option to receive text messages. Text messages are sent only for urgent/emergency announcements (school closings and delays, etc.)

- New parents are sent a text message to opt-in for text alerts. If you didn't receive this, visit [www.hcpss.org/hcpss-news/](http://www.hcpss.org/hcpss-news/) to troubleshoot.
- Text alerts will be sent to the mobile phone number identified in the Family File.
- If you were already opted-in to receive text messages last year, and your phone number has not changed, you do not need to opt-in again.

Our **school website** is a one-stop destination where you can quickly find:

- School calendar
- Announcements and news
- Academic departments
- Student activities, sports, clubs
- Staff directory and email links
- Services including school meals
- Quick Links to HCPSS Connect, system website, and other school and system resources for students and parents

The **HCPSS website** ([www.hcpss.org](http://www.hcpss.org)) is a rich resource for news and information about the school system.

## Stay Up-To-Date with...



FAMILY  
File

- Parent contact information
- Medical data and contacts
- Data privacy preferences
- Attendance, grades, college applications



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

The **Family File** on HCPSS Connect provides important information about your student. All information is confidential.

It is important that parents update the Family File each year with current data about your student including:

- Parent emails and phone numbers
- Student medical contact data
- After-school transportation options
- Data privacy options

Log into HCPSS Connect and click the **My Account** tab. Save your changes by clicking the **Update Account** button.

Parents can make changes in the Family File at **any time during the year**.

Parents without online access can provide this information through a paper “Emergency Procedure and Confidential Student Information” form. Contact the school office for a copy of this form.

**Athletic participation forms** can be completed online in Synergy.



## RHHS ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

**KEDRE' FAIRLEY**

**KELLY HEARNS**

**PAT SCIBLE**

LAST NAMES

LAST NAMES

LAST NAMES

**A-G**

**H-O**

**P-Z**



# RHHS ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES MANAGER

## BRANDON LAUER



## RHHS Counselors

**Danny  
Ives**

Last Names

**A-Dh**  
Seniors  
**A-F**

**Jill  
Babe**

Last Names

**Di-Ka**

**Marianne  
Pizzo**

Last Names

**Ke-Ne**  
Seniors  
**G-Mac**

**Phil  
Vangeli**

Last Names

**Ng-Si**  
Seniors  
**Mad-Sha**

**Mike  
Krouse**

Last Names

**Sk-Z**  
Seniors  
**She-Z**

## 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](http://fafsa.ed.gov)

Students can file a 2019–20 FAFSA as early as Oct. 1, 2018 . This earlier submission date enables students to complete and submit a FAFSA as early as October 1 every year.

Students are required to report income information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2019–20 FAFSA, students (and parents, as appropriate) will report their 2017 income information, rather than their 2018 income information.

Students should submit a FAFSA application in the fall of their senior year. Financial aid is distributed on a first come, first served basis, so early application is encouraged. ALL students should apply—even if they may not be eligible for need-based aid.

FAFSA is used by many colleges and scholarship organizations as part of application requirements.

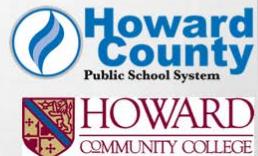
The deadline for Federal and Maryland applications is March 1, 2019.

# JumpStart

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/)

Every high school student can take advantage of expanded opportunities to earn dual credit at Howard Community College (HCC) through JumpStart. JumpStart dual enrollment programs are designed to give students a jump on their college education and prepare them for a career by earning industry certifications while still in high school.

Participating students will gain college credits, explore possible careers, or earn an associates degree within a nurturing and inclusive environment.

JumpStart is a partnership between HCPSS and Howard Community College.

Tonight we have a member of the JumpStart team available to answer any questions that you may have about these opportunities for your student.

LaRee Siddiqui

Dorothy Plantz



KARIN LAWRENCE



**RHHS PTSA**  
**EVERY CHILD, ONE VOICE**

KERRI FINKELSTON





# RHHS MUSIC BOOSTERS

MARY MESER AND KIM GRINNELL





## TOP 10 BTS QUESTIONS

- ATTENDANCE, NOTES, & EARLY DISMISSELS
- SECURITY
- WEEKLY NEWS & WEEKLY CALENDAR
- LUNCH AND DROP-OFFS
- ELECTRONICS & PERSONAL DEVICES
- STUDENT SERVICES, SCHEDULES & GRADUATION
- ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT
- FAMILY FILE
- CANVAS, COURSE UPDATES & GRADING
- TRANSPORTATION & PARKING





At RHHS we will provide a global platform of excellence:

- 1 - world-class curriculum
- 2- amazing teachers with passion and expertise for the subject they teach
- 3- great students who care about their achievement, their families, and their community
- 4- awesome opportunities for early college credit through JumpStart
- 5- a globally competitive education for all RHHS students who come from all over Howard County
- 6- a true commitment that graduation requirements can be achieved in 2,000,000 minutes, or as a President of Princeton University (Woodrow Wilson) once reassured an anxious parent, “We guarantee satisfaction of you will get your child back!”

## HERE'S YOUR SCHEDULE



- **1<sup>ST</sup> PERIOD 7:20-7:27**
- **2<sup>ND</sup> PERIOD 7:30-7:37**
- **3<sup>RD</sup> PERIOD 7:40-7:47**
- **4A PERIOD 7:50-7:57**
- **4B PERIOD 8:00-8:07**
- **5<sup>TH</sup> PERIOD 8:10-8:17**
- **6<sup>TH</sup> PERIOD 8:20-8:27**

Tonight is fast-paced! You will be able to put a teacher face with a teacher name, learn about the course, and find everything you might need for the course in Canvas. Have fun!