

Seven Hills News

January 30, 2012



FPS Qualifying Round – Friday, February 3
Honor Convocation – Tuesday, February 7
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**HONOR CONVOCATION
AND
STUDENT LEADERSHIP DAY**

Tuesday, February 7!!

ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR COAT AND TIE FOR THIS EVENT!!

PEAK EXPERIENCES DAY & END OF SEMESTER REPORTS

We spent a great day at PEAK Experiences today. The boys completed self-evaluations, grading their own performance for first semester, revised their goals for second semester, and wrote open letters to the faculty. Students processed their first semester report cards in one-on-one conversations with teachers, and, yes, there was lots of climbing!

Please remember to return a signed copy of your student's report in the PAK this week! If you have comments or concerns to offer, please do soon the blank last page of the report.

FPS REMINDER: Qualifying Round on Friday, February 3!

We remind the students that on Friday, February 3, they will be competing in round three, the qualifying round for Future Problem Solving. We encourage the students to give one last push on research, including the terms, definitions and categories. Students will benefit by connecting with their team one more time to be clear about how much time they will allocate for each of the six steps.

Come to school well fed and having had a good night's sleep! On to the State Bowl!

HONOR CONVOCATION & STUDENT LEADERSHIP DAY

We salute the boys who serve on the Honor Council for their outstanding leadership in this year's Honor Convocation. At their lead, all students are invited to sign the 2011 – 2012 Honor Code as a renewal of the promises that they have made to themselves and to their classmates. This year's Honor Convocation will take place on **Tuesday, February 7, beginning at 11:15 and lasting approximately 30 minutes. Please note that the COATS AND TIES ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT!**

PREVENTING ILLNESS DURING FLU SEASON

Faculty and staff will begin using morning session and other opportunities to instruct students in important personal practices for preventing illness. These lessons, which will stress hand washing, coughing and sneezing, and other hygienic practices, are especially crucial as we enter flu season. Please help us stay illness free by reinforcing good habits at home as well!

DORSEY DAY INFORMATION

Test and adjudication season is well underway, and our most recent Dorsey Day, on January 12, was geared solely to reviewing the skills that will assist the boys as they move this process forward. Students completed another sample essay question and reviewed the techniques they have learned for success in writing on demand essays and taking standardized tests.

Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Rowe, and Mr. Prior continue to make themselves available to students to give one on one feedback in areas related to entry tests, adjudications and interviews. **Students who anticipate attending an interview as part of their admissions process with a school should notify Mr. Dorsey and Mr. Hardy in advance so that a mock interview can be arranged. Written notice sent by email from the student is preferable (ddorsey@7hillsschool.org and chardy@7hillsschool.org).**

Our next Dorsey Day will be on Thursday, February 9. Note that, beginning on this Dorsey Day, students will take their lunch at local restaurants, one from each country: Brazil, India, Japan, and South Africa. Students are asked to make a contribution of \$10.00 for each restaurant outing. **Please bring your \$10.00 contribution in cash to Mr. Dorsey's house on that day. Exact change is appreciated!**

HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS UPDATE

Please make note of the following high school deadline:
Open High School – February 13

Students applying to Open High School **must turn in all application materials to Mr. Dorsey by Thursday, February 2.** Mr. Dorsey will hand-deliver all students' materials to Open High.

Transcripts for all 8th Grade Students will be delivered to schools and or district offices on or before the deadline day. Do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Walsh with any questions you may have.

ALUMNI BBQ DAY and the CLASS OF 2008!

How wonderful to see members of the Class of 2008 again! We are big, tall, and we own cars! It took no time for the guys to share memories over BBQ, tales that suggest that in some areas the score is not yet settled. What great fun!

Often we are asked where the boys of Seven Hills go after they leave us. With this year's data close at hand, we offer the following list, a list almost as impressive as the boys themselves!

<p><u>HIGH SCHOOLS WHERE OUR 8th GRADERS ARE APPLYING THIS YEAR:</u> <i>Appomattox Regional Governor's School</i> <i>Collegiate School</i> <i>Douglas Freeman</i> <i>Hanover High School</i> <i>Henrico High, International Baccalaureate Programme</i> <i>James River HS Center for Leadership</i> <i>Maggie Walker Governor's School</i> <i>Open High School</i> <i>Richmond Community High</i> <i>St. Christopher's School</i> <i>Thomas Jefferson High, International Baccalaureate Programme</i> <i>Trinity Episcopal School</i></p>	<p><u>COLLEGES WHERE 7HS ALUMNI ARE APPLYING THIS YEAR:</u> <i>College of Charleston</i> <i>Corcoran School, Washington</i> <i>Emory University</i> <i>George Mason University</i> <i>George Washington University</i> <i>Hampden Sydney College</i> <i>Institute of Art, Chicago</i> <i>J. Sargeant Reynolds</i> <i>James Madison University</i> <i>New York School of Visual Arts</i> <i>Randolph Macon College</i> <i>Boston Museum School of Fine Arts</i> <i>School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston</i> <i>University of Virginia</i> <i>Virginia Commonwealth University</i> <i>William and Mary</i></p>
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INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

You will note in our Handbook that Seven Hills School follows the lead of Richmond Public Schools on school closings, delayed openings and returns. Should we depart from this practice, calls and emails will go out.

COMING OF AGE – *Movie Night and Campout Dates Confirmed!!*

On **Thursday, March 1 (6:30PM)**, seventh grade students and parents (moms too!) are invited to campus for **pizza and the movie "Raising Cain"** – Michael Thompson's documentary that tracks the emotional life of boys and young men from birth through late adolescence. On **Friday, March 2 (12:15PM)** boys will head to The Clearing with their fathers/father figures for the annual **Coming of Age Campout**. We'll spend the night at The Clearing (about 45 minutes west of Richmond) and **return to campus on Saturday, March 3 by 1PM.**

Remember that the Coming of Age Concluding Ritual will take place on Tuesday, May 29. Mark your calendars and plan to attend these important events!

BASKETBALL NEWS

The basketball teams have continued to play well over the past two weeks, despite battling an array of injuries, illnesses, and absences for high school admission season. The Gold team posted another three wins, confirmed a forfeit from the previous week's cancellation, and had a game end in a tie after being deadlocked following regulation and a three-minute overtime. The Gold team now owns a record of 11-3-1 overall, including 5-1-1 in the St. Christopher's league and 6-2 in the Benedictine league. Two weeks of games remain in the Thursday night St. Christopher's league, while the playoffs are on the horizon for the Benedictine league. The Red team also had a strong effort on Sunday in posting a 32-24 win over Steward. The Red team is now 3-4 in Benedictine league play after winning three out of the last four games. Great job guys!

BASKETBALL NEWS (Continued....)

Additionally, there is exciting news for the basketball program as the Gold team has been invited back to the McDonald's/Tidewater Academy Invitational Tournament for a second year. We'll play two games in the tournament, both held on Saturday, February 4. The tournament begins with a game at 10:00 am, but we'll play our semifinal game beginning at 11:15. Play will continue with a consolation game at 12:30 and a championship game at 1:45. Gold basketball families, check your basketball contact email for updates regarding start times, opponents, directions, and other travel preparations.

GO PHOENIX!

UPCOMING GAMES

Gold Team

Thursday, February 2 - 7:00 pm vs. St. Christopher's (@STC)
Saturday, February 4 – 11:15 am (1st of 2 games in Wakefield, VA at the
McDonald's/Tidewater Academy Invitational Tournament)

Gold Basketball Parents – check your email for more information on the tournament and watch for the next game in the Benedictine league. Since we aren't playing there Saturday, we may be moved to another day this week or early next week

Red Team

Sunday, February 5 – 2:00 pm vs. St. Bridget's (@STC Court 2)

ENCLOSURES: *PTSO Letter, Letter to 6th Grade Families, 10K Phoenix Runners Flyer, 10K Registration Form, Homework Grid*



7HS Salute

To...

... the bridge families for providing a delicious lunch for the faculty last Friday for our teacher planning day. It was a feast!

...Coach Eaves as FPS goes into the State Qualifying Round

...Gay Leahy for treating GOLD Basketball to a free Tuck Shop treat in honor of their team play – wow!

...PTSO and the PHOENIX CLUB for their incredible parent support – what a difference you make!

Calling all Phoenix Runners!



The Monument 10k is quickly approaching. Once again Seven Hills is registering in the 10k Healthy School Challenge. This means Seven Hills students who sign up for the 10k compete with other middle schools for participation. The school with the highest percentage of students participating wins cash! The race will take place on Saturday, March 31. Participants can register with the enclosed brochure or online at <http://www.sportsbackers.org/events/ukrops-monument-avenue-10k>.



Students are invited to train together after school every Tuesday in February and March. Students will leave school at 3:30pm to run the **VITA trail at Byrd Park**. The run will begin and end where the path meets Trafford Road. Students can be picked up there at **4:45pm**. Parent volunteers interested in helping by transporting students and/or running with students, please contact Miss Hoke at khoke@7hillsschool.org.

School Training Days:
February 7, 14, 21, 28
March 6, 13, 20, 27

Students interested in participating, please fill out the following information and return it to school in the PAK (or email it to Miss Hoke).

Seven Hills 10k Training Team Participation Form

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Parent Name _____ Phone # _____

**It's That Time Again!!
PTSO PROJECT TIME!**

It's time to think about the PTSO project for the 2011-2012 school year.

This year, our idea is to turn the undefined space between Bridge building and Building C into a blocked-off seating area where the boys can gather to eat or where classes can be held.

We are in need of parent volunteers to form a committee to head-up this project. Do you design? Landscape? Have connections in these areas or in the furniture business? Want to find a new way to get involved? We would love to have you.

The committee will brainstorm ideas, to be submitted to the PTSO and administration, to get this project on a roll. The seventh graders are already hard at work designing the barrier that would block the space from the driveway - come help them make their plans reality! If you are interested, please contact Margaret Sheehan with any questions or ideas!

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2-Week 7HS Assignment Schedule
Weeks of January 31, 2012 – February 13, 2012
 Reflects dates work is due!

Bridge
Week 1

	Tuesday January 31	Wednesday February 1	Thursday February 2	Friday February 3 <i>Gold Friday</i>	Monday February 6
ART		3 sketches in sketchbook			
FPS					
GLOBAL STUDIES			Rome Quiz		
LANGUAGE ARTS	RJ 12, WWS12 Reading Calendar 30 minute nightly read	30 minute nightly read	30 minute nightly read	30 minute nightly read	30 minute nightly read
MATH	NB Check	Chapter 5 Practice Test	Chapter 5 Test		
SCIENCE		Chapter 14 Notes Due			
PERFORMING ARTS					
SEMINAR					

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Bridge
Week 2

	Tuesday February 7	Wednesday February 8	Thursday February 9	Friday February 10 <i>Red Friday</i>	Monday February 13
ART		3 sketches in sketchbook			
FPS		Article and Summary (found on Phoenix Net)			Solutions and Criteria Activity
GLOBAL STUDIES					
LANGUAGE ARTS	30 minute nightly read	30 minute nightly read	30 minute nightly read	30 minute nightly read	30 minute nightly read
MATH	Work on 6A Review WS	Chapter 5 Test Corrections	6A Review WS		
SCIENCE					
PERFORMING ARTS					
SEMINAR					

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6th Grade
Week 1

	Tuesday January 31	Wednesday February 1	Thursday February 2	Friday February 3 <i>Gold Friday</i>	Monday February 6
ART/WW			3 sketches in sketchbook		
FPS			Define Step 4, 5, 6		
HISTORY		Read, take notes Ch. 17		None	Read, take notes Ch. 18
INTRO. TO LATIN	Salvete, discipuli	Practice greetings. Be sure to bring in notebook.	Practice greetings.		Practice pronouncing phrases.
INTRO. TO JAPANESE	Review letters/ write	Review letters/ write	Review letters/ write	Review letters/ write	Review letters/ write
LANGUAGE ARTS	30 minute read	30 minute read	Begin work on next genre 30 minute read	30 minute read	Two 30 minute reads
MATH	Chapter 5 Practice Test & Architect Paper	Chapter 5 Test			
SCIENCE		Test Ch 19 and 20			Test Corrections and get signed
PERFORMING ARTS					
SEMINAR					

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6th Grade
Week 2

	Tuesday February 7	Wednesday February 8	Thursday February 9	Friday February 10 <i>Red Friday</i>	Monday February 13
ART/WW			3 sketches in sketchbook		
FPS	Article and Summary (found on Phoenix Net)		Article and Summary (found on Phoenix Net)		
HISTORY		Read, take notes Ch. 19 & 20			Read, take notes Ch. 21 & 25
INTRO. TO LATIN	Practice phrases	Practice phrases	Study new vocabulary 10-15 min. daily	Study vocab 10-15 min. daily	Study vocab 10-15 min. daily
INTRO. TO JAPANESE	Review letters/ write	Review letters/ write	Review letters/ write	Review letters/ write	Review letters/ write
LANGUAGE ARTS	30 minute read RJ 1, WWS 1, and RC due	30 minute read	30 minute read	30 minute read	First draft due tomorrow Two 30 minute reads
MATH		Chapter 5 Test Corrections	6A Review WS		
SCIENCE		Bernoulli's Principle		Chapter 21 notes	Notebook check
PERFORMING ARTS					
SEMINAR				1 page philosophy response due	

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7th Grade
Week 1

	Tuesday January 31	Wednesday February 1	Thursday February 2	Friday February 3 <i>Gold Friday</i>	Monday February 6
ART/WW					3 sketches in sketchbook
FPS		Define Steps 4, 5, and 6			Article and Summary (found on Phoenix Net)
HISTORY		Read Book 8, Chapter 20 and take notes Notebook Check			Read Book 8, Chapters 23 and 24 and take notes
LATIN I	Study for DECLENSION QUIZ TODAY	Study vocab	Study vocab	Study vocab	Study vocab – practice for ch. 1-7 review
JAPANESE I	Review letters/write	Review letters/write	Review letters/write	Review letters/write	Review letters/write
LANGUAGE ARTS	30 minute read	30 minute read	Begin work on next genre 30 minute read	30 minute read	Two 30 minute reads
MATH		7B Review WS			
SCIENCE	Notebook check		Test Ch 4	Test corrections and get your test signed	
PERFORMING ARTS					
SEMINAR					

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7th Grade
Week 2

	Tuesday February 7	Wednesday February 8	Thursday February 9	Friday February 10 <i>Red Friday</i>	Monday February 13
ART/WW					3 sketches documentary proposal due
FPS		Article and Summary (found on Phoenix Net)			Solutions and Criteria Activity
HISTORY		Read Book 8, Chapters 26 and 31 and take notes. Notebook Check		No Assignment	Read Book 8, Chapter 29 and take notes
LATIN I	Study for VOCAB REVIEW TODAY	Begin studying new vocab	Study vocab		Study vocab; begin memorizing personal endings
JAPANESE I	Review letters/write	Review letters/write	Review letters/write	Review letters/write	Review letters/write
LANGUAGE ARTS	30 minute read RJ 1, WWS 1, and RC due	30 minute read	30 minute read	30 minute read	<i>First draft due tomorrow</i> Two 30 minute reads
MATH	7C Review WS & NB Check	Chapter 7 Practice Test	Chapter 7 Test		
SCIENCE	Start genetics project		Work on Project		
PERFORMING ARTS					
SEMINAR					

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8th Grade
Week 1

	Tuesday January 31	Wednesday February 1	Thursday February 2	Friday February 3 <i>Gold Friday</i>	Monday February 6
ART/WW			3 sketches documentary project proposal due!		
FPS/COMPS CAPSTONE					
CIVICS & ECONOMICS	Foundations of Economics Test TODAY!!		No Assignment	No Assignment	
LATIN II	Study for ch. 13- 16 vocab review (v. 1.0)		Study for vocab review (v. 1.1) Review notes on adjectives	Review adjectives	Review adjectives
JAPANESE II	Review letters/write	Review letters/write	Review letters/write	Review letters/write	Review letters/write
LANGUAGE ARTS	30 minute read	Begin work on next genre 30 minute read	30 minute read	30 minute read	Two 30 minute reads RJ 1, WWS 1, and RC due
ALGEBRA		6C H/W & NB Check (Ch. 10 Pretest in Study Skills)	Chapter 6 Practice Test	Chapter 6 Test	
SCIENCE		Test Ch 5			Test corrections and get test signed
PERFORMING ARTS					
SEMINAR					

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8th Grade
Week 2

	Tuesday February 7	Wednesday February 8	Thursday February 9	Friday February 10 <i>Red Friday</i>	Monday February 13
ART/WW			3 sketches in sketchbook		
FPS/COMPS CAPSTONE					
CIVICS & ECONOMICS	Complete the Human Rights Inventory		No Assignment (Dorsey Day)		
LATIN II	Study new vocab; review adjectives	Study vocab; review adjectives	Study vocab; review adjectives	Study vocab; review adjectives	Study vocab; review adjectives – prepare for a potential unannounced pop quiz
JAPANESE II	Review letters/write	Review letters/write	Review letters/write	Review letters/write	Review letters/write
LANGUAGE ARTS	30 minute read	30 minute read	30 minute read	30 minute read	First draft of genre due today Two 30 minute reads RJ 2, WWS 2, and RC due
ALGEBRA		Chapter 6 Test Corrections	10A H/W Check		
SCIENCE		Notebook check		6.1 notes	6.2 notes
PERFORMING ARTS					
SEMINAR					