



February 9th Weekly Update Released: 2/9/26 @ 5:45pm

Candygrams for Middle & High School Students

Candygrams will be on sale during lunches for middle and high school students only! High school sales take place Monday–Thursday, February 9–12, and middle school sales run Tuesday–Wednesday, February 10–11.

Candygrams are \$1 each (cash only) and include a lollipop and a card. All Candygrams will be delivered on Friday, February 13, giving students a fun way to share a little kindness with friends.

PTO Meeting – Join Us!

Our February PTO meeting is Thursday, February 12 at 2:00 PM in Commons B, and we'd love to see you there! As a little thank-you for our elementary families, PTO will offer Car Line Valet—skip car line and we'll bring your elementary student directly to you after the meeting. Middle and High School families are absolutely welcome to attend as well; please plan to sign out your student using our normal dismissal procedures.

Show Your Love Day at HCA

This Friday, February 13, we're celebrating Show Your Love Day! Students and staff are invited to wear red or pink to show their love our Village. Let's fill campus with school spirit, kindness, and lots of love.

Elementary Kids Heart Challenge

Our Kids Heart Challenge is still running through this Friday! This program teaches students about heart health while supporting the American Heart Association.

Students will bring home a flyer with instructions to:

- Register your child online - <http://www2.heart.org/goto/horsecreekacademy>
- Complete Finn's Mission, a short at-home activity where families learn Hands-Only CPR and the warning signs of a stroke
- Send emails to family and friends to help raise money for heart health

Special Education Family Resource Nights

Our Special Education Family Nights begin tomorrow, February 10 at 5:30 PM. These sessions are designed to support, inform, and connect our families. Check out the flyer [here](#) for full details and to see dates for March and April, or feel free to reach out directly to your child's special education teacher with any questions.

Miss HCA Pageant

The Miss Horse Creek Pageant is just around the corner! **Registration Wednesday, February**

All details, including rules, categories, and registration information, can be found on our new Pageant website, be sure to check it out at <https://tinyurl.com/misshca2026> If you have any questions, please contact us at miss.horsecreek@ghcacs.net.



High School Job Shadow Day – February 13

On Friday, February 13, students in grades 10–12 will have the opportunity to participate in our annual Job Shadow Day. This experience allows students to spend the day with a professional in the community and learn more about potential career paths. Permission forms are available outside the Guidance Office, and additional details can be found in each grade level's Google Classroom.

Annie Jr. Rehearsal Pick-Up Procedures

To help dismissal run smoothly and safely, please note the following for theatre rehearsals:

- For rehearsals from 2:40–3:30 PM, parents should utilize the car line to pick up students as normal. Even if your student is an elem. student they can be picked up via this car line!
- For rehearsals from 4:00–5:30 PM, elementary cast members will be walked to their cars by a supervising adult—no need to come inside unless you have an urgent need to speak with staff.
- All theatre families should use the front parking lot only. Please do not pick up on the side or back of the building. Middle and high school students will walk themselves out using the hallway exit (not through the commons).

Thank you for helping us keep rehearsals organized and dismissal safe for all!

Calling All Canine Stars!

Think your dog can act? Horse Creek Academy is casting three dogs for our upcoming production of Annie Jr. Auditions are by appointment only and begin Saturday, February 14 at 9:00am. All breeds, sizes, and ages are welcome—dogs must be comfortable with small children, other dogs, and be up to date on shots.

Interested? Call J. Culp at 803-336-8075 to schedule an audition. Let's find our next four-legged stars!

Enchanted Evening | Junior–Senior Prom 2026

Horse Creek Academy is excited to invite our juniors and seniors to an unforgettable Enchanted Evening at Prom 2026! 🌙★

Join us for a magical night of music, memories, and celebration as we transform the HCA Gymnasium into an enchanted forest for one special evening.

 Saturday, May 2

 7:00–11:00 PM

 HCA Gymnasium

 Tickets go on sale February 1 with early bird pricing available throughout February.

 Purchase tickets [HERE](#).

 Access the guest form for non-HCA students [HERE](#)

(Guest check-out codes will be provided after the form is submitted and approved)



2026 Elementary Fun Run – Shirt Pre-Orders Now Open!

While our 2026 Elementary Fun Run is still a bit down the road (mark your calendars for April 22!), it's already time to get a head start on the fun by ordering your 2026 Fun Run T-shirt!

 Check out the fun design [HERE](#) and don't forget—this shirt can also be worn as a spirit shirt on any Friday, making it a win-win for students. Order yours now [HERE](#)!

 **Deadline to order: Friday, February 27**

Be sure to get your order in—no late orders will be available, so don't miss out!

Read-a-thon and Read Across the Village Spirit Week

Our annual Read-a-thon begins Monday, 2/23, but families can go ahead and sign students up now! All students will be bringing home sign-up forms this week.. Elementary students are connected to their homeroom teacher, while middle and high school students are connected to their ELA teacher.

This year's Read-a-thon supports our new capital project, Built to Last—Horse Creek Academy's next major initiative focused on creating permanent, purpose-built facilities that match the growth of our students and our school. This project moves us beyond spaces originally designed for a smaller, younger campus and will support academics, athletics, the arts, and community for decades to come.

 We're also excited to share that we have even more prizes and rewards than ever before this year! Take a sneak peek [HERE](#), and be sure to mark your calendars for Read Across the Village Spirit Week, March 2–6—get those outfits ready now, check out our spirit days [HERE](#)!

8th Grade Power Up College & Career Fair – February 24

We are excited to partner with the South Carolina Department of Workforce and Employability to provide our 8th graders with the opportunity to attend the Power Up College and Career Fair on February 24. This free field trip will expose students to a wide range of college and career options.

Class of 2026 – Save the Date

Senior season is officially underway! Details for all upcoming Class of 2026 senior events will be shared with seniors next week, posted on the Senior Google page, and mailed home—so be on the lookout. This is such an exciting time, and we don't want anyone to miss a moment celebrating our seniors.

 **Commencement Ceremony: Friday, May 29, 2026**

 **Time: 6:00 PM**

 **Location: Cedar Creek Church**

Questions? Please contact eanderson@hcacs.net. Let's celebrate the Class of 2026 in a big way! ❤️



Volunteer Opportunity: Triple Crown Road Race

We're opening volunteer sign-ups for the Triple Crown Road Race on Saturday, March 7, 2026, at Odell Weeks Activity Center. This event includes a 5K and 10-mile race and supports Great Oak Equine Assisted Programs—a great way to give back and earn service hours.

Volunteer roles help make race day run smoothly and are perfect for students, families, and community members. Sign up [HERE](#) to serve and be part of a meaningful #Service opportunity for our Village!

Volunteer Opportunity: Community Easter Egg Hunt

We're looking for volunteers to help make this year's the City of Aiken's Easter Egg Hunt a fun and welcoming event for families across our community. The event will take place on Saturday, March 28, from 11:00 AM–1:00 PM at Perry Memorial Park.

This event includes a fire truck egg drop, games, music, and photos with the Easter Bunny—volunteers play a key role in making it all run smoothly! It's a great way to earn service hours, give back, and support a meaningful community tradition.

👉 Sign up [HERE](#) to volunteer, and check out the [flyer](#) for full event details. Let's show up strong for #Service and help make this a memorable day for Aiken families!

Uniform Update for Elementary & Middle School

Per the January Board Meeting, we're sharing an update to the uniform policy for elementary and middle school students. Sweaters, sweatshirts, and hoodies of any color or brand may now be worn inside the building, as long as they are school-appropriate (no profanity, references to drugs or alcohol, weapons, or offensive images—explicit or implied) and a uniform collared shirt is worn underneath.

👉 Read more and view the full policy [HERE](#).

 **We also want to take a moment to thank our amazing HCA Village Partners! Be sure to show them some HCA love! ❤️🐾**

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