



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

Morning Drop-Off Reminder | 7:00–7:30 AM

A quick reminder for our Village families: unless you are utilizing Early Care, the front parking lot should not be used for student drop-off between 7:00–7:30 AM.

During this window, many of our staff members are arriving on campus (between 7:00–7:15 AM) and need access to the parking lot to quickly park and head inside to prepare for a great day of learning. Recently, we've seen an increase in parent drop-offs in the parking lot during this time, which has caused congestion and slowed staff arrival.

A few important reminders:

- **Car line officially begins at 7:30 AM**
- **If you arrive before 7:30, please line up in the car line**
- **If earlier drop-off is needed, families should be signed up for Early Care**

Thank you for helping us keep mornings safe, smooth, and calm for everyone—especially our staff and students. We truly appreciate your partnership as we start each day strong. We are the Village!

Kona Ice

Can your kiddos not get enough of the cold? Good news, Kona Ice will be on campus this week! They'll be here for MS/HS on Thursday 2/5 and for Elementary on Friday, 2/6. 🧊

Winter Sports Senior Night

HCA Athletics will be honoring our Winter Sports Seniors this Friday, 2/6. Seniors will be honored between our Varsity Girls and Boys basketball games, estimated time is 7:45pm. Don't miss it!

High School Homecoming Dance (SnoCo) Rescheduled for Saturday, 2/7

Due to the winter weather, this year's High School Homecoming Dance, SnoCo, has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 7th, from 7–10 PM in the Middle/High School Commons. Tickets are \$15 for individuals, \$25 for couples, and \$10 for seniors. Students may attend with a date, with friends, or on their own. Please park in the back parking lot and enter through Building A.

Elementary Boys Dance/Game Night

Get ready to glow! **Ticket Sales end Wednesday, 2/4!**

Join us for the HCA PTO's Neon Lights Dance and Game Night on Saturday, February 7 from 5:00–7:00 PM in the Horse Creek Gym. This exciting event is designed for elementary boys and one adult to enjoy an evening of music, games, and glowing fun together.

 **ComboTickets: \$10 available online at our school store [HERE](#)**

 **One adult is required per child.**

+ Additional child tickets may be purchased for siblings, available [HERE](#)



📌 9th Grade IGP Season

IGP season is in full swing! Current 9th grade students are encouraged to use the provided link to schedule their Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) meeting. During this meeting, counselors will review student transcripts and work with families to plan 10th grade course selections. Setup your meeting with Mrs. Reese [HERE](#)

♥ Elementary Kids Heart Challenge

Our school will kick off the Kids Heart Challenge on Monday, February 2nd. 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

Participation is optional, but every level of involvement helps support a great cause. Thank you for partnering with us to promote healthy hearts and healthy habits! Questions? Reach out to Coach Rosenthal at mrosenthal@hcacs.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.

📈 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. Field trip permission forms will be sent home this week.

👑 Miss HCA Pageant

The Miss Horse Creek Pageant is just around the corner! [Registration is open through February 9th.](#)

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.



✨ 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](#).

📢 Important Note for Students & Families:

An update regarding guest forms and how to purchase guest tickets will be announced in the Monday, February 9 weekly update and shared directly with all juniors and seniors.

✨ For all event details, dress inspiration, and ticket information, view the full flyer [HERE](#).

🏃♂️🎉 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!

📖 And speaking of fundraisers... get excited! We'll be sharing details soon about our annual Read-A-Thon, which officially kicks off February 23. Lots of fun (and reading!) ahead for our Village!



🎉 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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