

SEPTEMBER 2026

HORNET HAPPENINGS

FROM THE DESK OF MR. LEWIS, PRINCIPAL



**A NOTE FROM
PRINCIPAL LEWIS**

Dear Henryville Junior/Senior High School Community,

As we close out the first quarter, I want to thank our students, families, and staff for such a strong start to the year. The hard work and dedication we've seen in these first nine weeks have set a wonderful tone for what's ahead.

Next week, we head into fall break — a well-deserved chance to rest, recharge, and spend time with family. I hope everyone enjoys a relaxing and refreshing break!

When we return, we'll move into the second quarter, and it's important that we carry this momentum forward. Semester grades will be finalized in December, so this next quarter is a key opportunity to build on the progress already made. Let's keep up the strong effort as we head into the second half of the semester.

Thank you for all you do to support our school community. Enjoy the break!

— Mr. Kyle Lewis, Principal

Students of the Month

Jr. High

Ivory Guernsey — 7th

Flynn Poindexter — 7th

Dirk Wilson — 8th

Aubrey Farmer — 8th

High School

Easton Campbell — 9th

Parker Matthews — 10th

Ferris Overby — 11th

Wyatt Barbour — 12th

Above are the September Students of the Month. Each of these students was recognized for showing outstanding effort, cooperation, and participation.

TEACHER HIGHLIGHT



MRS. MURRIHY

Mrs. Murrihy — 8th Grade Science & Junior High PLTW

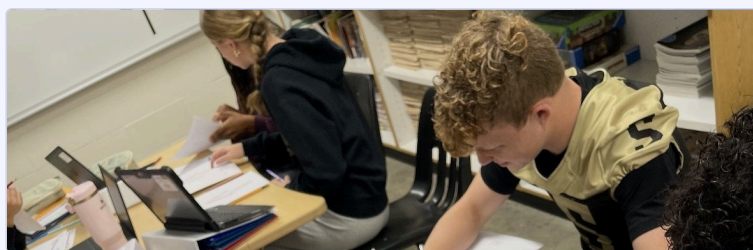
Meet Mrs. Murrihy, our dedicated 8th grade Science and Junior High Project Lead The Way (PLTW) teacher! Through her initiative and vision, our junior high students are gaining dynamic, hands-on experience in engineering, healthcare, and the skilled trades.

Mrs. Murrihy partnered with our PLTW Site Coordinator, Mr. Caudill, to apply for and secure a Gateway grant award from Project Lead The Way. After winning the grant, Mrs. Murrihy took the time to attend intensive training at PLTW headquarters over the past two years. Her dedication allowed our school to launch two PLTW courses last year and add two more this year!

Through the 8th-grade offerings — Medical Detectives, Design & Modeling, and Automation & Robotics — Mrs. Murrihy gives students a firsthand preview of what they can expect if they choose to enter our Biomedical or Engineering pathways in high school.

Beyond adding Automation & Robotics for 8th graders, Mrs. Murrihy worked to expand opportunities even further with Building for the Future, a brand-new addition to the PLTW curriculum. Now, every HJHS 7th grader has the chance to get hands-on experience in vital trades — from how to read and write measurements using an architect's scale, to calculating flooring material cost, framing walls, and the inner workings of HVAC and plumbing systems.

Thank you, Mrs. Murrihy, for your commitment to expanding our students' horizons and helping them build strong foundations for the future!



Medical Detectives students mapping the body's systems.



Students showing off their neuron models.



Henryville Athletics

Tennis Sectional — Wednesday 9/30 vs New Washington, 4:30 @ Silver Creek. Tennis Sectional Championship — Thursday 10/1, 4:30 @ Silver Creek. Volleyball Senior Night 10/3 vs Lanesville, 6:00 @ Spurgeon Gym. Soccer Sectional — Tuesday 10/6 vs. Austin, 5:30 @ Clarksville.

Athletic season is quickly coming to a close. We have had some great success this fall season: JH Boys Tennis is 5-1 in conference, JH Volleyball is 4-1 in conference, HS Volleyball is 5-0 in conference, and JH Football holds a 6-0 record. We'll be hosting JV Football for the first time on 10/3 and 10/12.

This fall has had strong attendance for all our athletes. We would like to thank everyone for coming out and supporting our kids.



Henryville Band

The marching band has had a successful season so far, bringing home multiple caption awards such as Best Visual, Best Overall Effect, and Best Drum Major — three weeks in a row! The Golden Band heads to ISSMA State Prelims in Whiteland on October 3rd, and if they advance, to ISSMA Scholastic Finals on October 17th.

The Golden Band is also preparing to host their Tristate Marching Arts Winter Guard & Drumline Competition on February 13th, bringing performing groups from Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana to our community.



Henryville Robotics

Junior high teams will start practicing after Fall Break, but none of our teams will compete until the end of November.

Upcoming Events

- Fall Break — October 5–9, 2026
- Picture Retakes — Wednesday, October 14, 2026
- HHS Staff Meeting — Wednesday, October 14, 2026
- Earthquake Drill — Thursday, October 15, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
- Fire Drill — Tuesday, October 20, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
- October 20 — 9th Graders PSAT
- October 22 — 10th and 11th Graders PSAT

Communication

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From custom t-shirts and hoodies to hats, backpacks, tumblers, and more — you'll find gear for every fan in the hive. Whether you're cheering on the band, robotics team, or your favorite Hornet athlete, rep your black and gold with pride.

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THE PEOPLE WHO RAISED YOU

Fall Break is close enough now that you can feel it. The building has that restless energy it gets right before a break, and I understand it. You have earned a few days.

Before you go, I want you to notice something.

Last month I said roots are what this place gives you. I want to be more specific. Roots are not really about the ground. They are about people. And in a town this size, the people teaching you are often the same people who taught your parents.

Think about that. Your teacher may have graded your mom's essays. Your coach may have stood on the same field as your dad. The woman who knows your name in the cafeteria line has probably known your family for twenty years. That does not happen everywhere. In a lot of schools, you are a number on a roster and then you are gone.

Not here. Here, people are invested in you before you ever walk through the door.

That includes more people than you think. It is your teachers, but it is also the bus driver who is on the road before sunrise, the custodian who fixes what you broke without telling anyone, the secretary who knows every student in this building by name, the volunteers who work the concession stand in the cold so a team can travel. None of them are doing it for the money. I can promise you that.

Most of them will never tell you what they do for you. That is not how people around here operate. Which means it falls to you to notice.

So here is my challenge for October. Find one adult in this building and tell them, out loud, what they have done for you. Not a wave. Not an email. Say the words to their face.

It will feel awkward. Do it anyway. I have never once seen someone regret saying thank you, and I have watched plenty of people regret waiting too long.

Enjoy your break. Rest, spend time with your family, and come back ready.

— Mr. Kyle Lewis, Principal, Henryville Jr.-Sr. High School



Our cafeteria staff — some of the people who raised you.



Mr. Truman, HHS custodial staff.