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Dear HASD Community,

Dear Students, Families, and Staff,
As the first quarter of the school year comes to a close, there is much to celebrate and reflect upon. The past few months have been filled with learning, growth, and community spirit. Students have shown remarkable dedication to their studies, teachers have continued to inspire excellence in every classroom, and families have provided unwavering support to ensure success for all.

Closing out Quarter 1 gives us an opportunity to recognize the hard work and accomplishments across our schools. From academic achievements to athletic victories, creative performances, and community service projects, each success reflects the collective effort that makes our district thrive.

As we look ahead to the Thanksgiving season, gratitude takes center stage. This time of year reminds us to pause and appreciate the people and moments that enrich our lives. Our school community is built on kindness, collaboration, and care—values that shine brightest when we come together in thanks.

May this Thanksgiving bring rest, joy, and meaningful time with loved ones. Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to our students' success. Together, we will carry the momentum of a strong first quarter into the rest of the school year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian T. Uplinger
Superintendent of Schools



FIRE PREVENTION AT HEIGHTS TERRACE





LEUKEMIA AWARENESS DRESS DOWN DAY



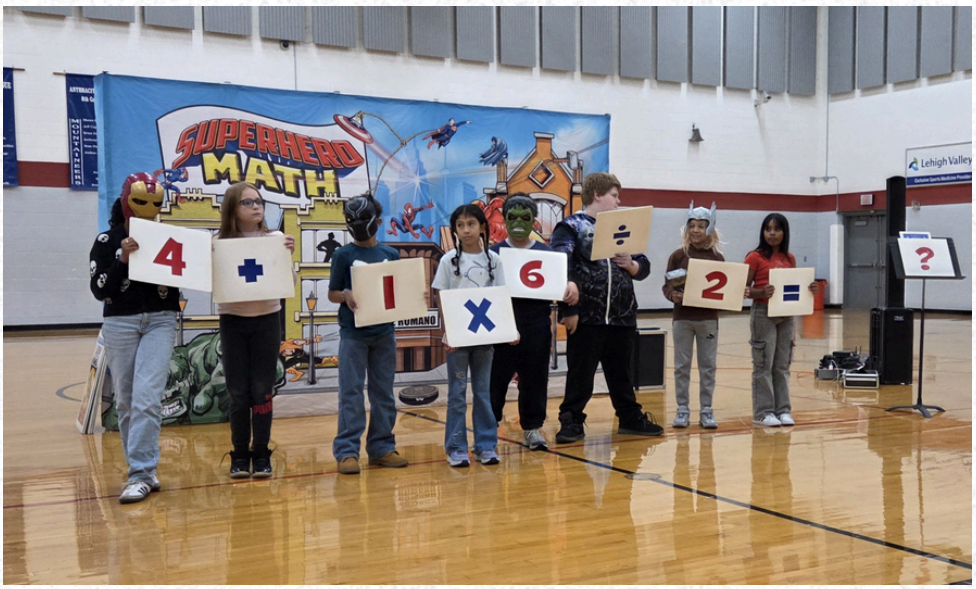
We are grateful to all of you that supported the Leukemia Awareness Dress Down Day on Tuesday, 9/30. We raised over $2000 for bloodcancerunited.org (formerly leukemia and lymphoma society).

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!! This donation will go toward groundbreaking research and patient services.

SUPERHERO MATH PROGRAM AT HEIGHTS TERRACE ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Superhero Math Program, presented by Joe Romano, visited Heights Terrace Elementary/Middle School last week & wowed the 4th & 5th grade students, their parents, & teachers. Mr. Romano performed multiple tricks that involved reinforcing basic math skills and reviewing other quantitative skills such as probability & order of operations. Romano got students, teachers & parents to be part of the show.





MKEMS JOE ROMANO SUPERHERO MATH



On October 7, 2025, McAdoo-Kelayres Elementary/Middle School welcomed over 120 parents/guardians to the parent engagement activity “SUPERHERO MATH!” by Joe Romano held for students in grades 3-6.

This event is organized by MKEMS interventionists and funded through Title I; this interactive program was designed to bring families together through the power of math. Parents and students explored how math is found in our everyday lives and discovered how learning math can be both magical and meaningful!

MKEMS JOE ROMANO SUPERHERO MATH





THE CASTLE JOE ROMANO SUPERHERO MATH





The Castle was thrilled to welcome back The Magic of Joe Romano-Superhero Math! on October 6th.

Joe Romano got students excited about learning math with his fun-filled, educational magic show. Through this interactive show, teachers, students, and parents were engaged from start to finish and learned how math is part of our everyday lives. Audience participation brought key math concepts to life. Everyone had an amazing experience with this performance!

WEST HAZLETON ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL





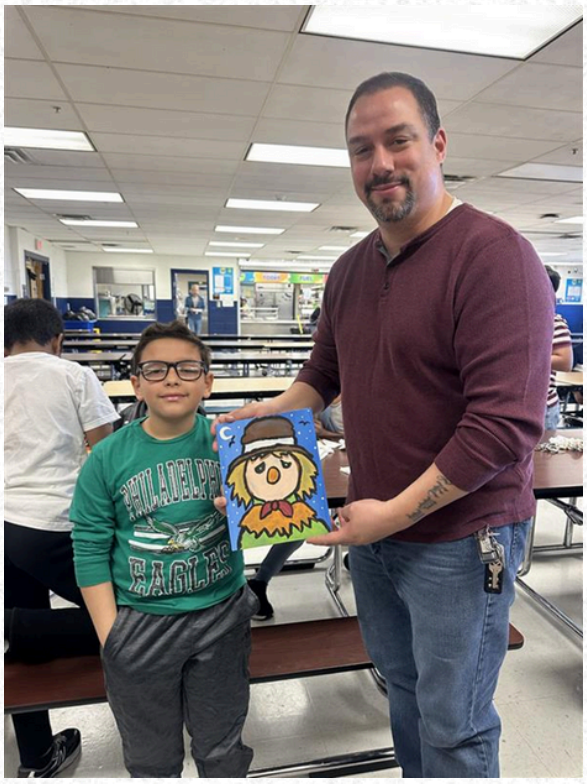


The Magic of Joe Romano-Superhero Math! was at West Hazleton.

2nd and 3rd grade students enjoyed a magical presentation with Mathematics and Joe Romano compliments of Title I. Students and their parents learned about how to incorporate math into their everyday lives and how magical numbers can be. Many students got to participate in this interactive experience.

WEST HAZLETON ELEMENTARY/ MIDDLE SCHOOL

4th grade students at West Hazleton Elementary Middle School participated in a fall themed Painting Workshop that focused on mathematics. This was provided by Title I parent and family engagement funds.





HAZLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION FOUNDATION

About Us

The Hazleton Area Education Foundation was incorporated as a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation on September 11, 2012 and obtained tax exempt status in September 2014. It is a privately operated 501 (c) (3) non-profit charitable organization established to assist the Hazleton Area School District. In close partnership with the Luzerne Foundation who manages the funding.

Our Purpose

To support and enhance educational and extracurricular activities of the Hazleton Area School District by raising funds and establishing corporate and community partnerships that help offset expenses that are not funded by public authorities.

Our Mission

To enrich the Greater Hazleton community by supporting programs and initiatives that provide enhanced academic, cultural and athletic opportunities for students of the Hazleton Area School District.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM GRANT

About the Grant

The Beyond the Classroom grant program supports faculty in creating meaningful learning experiences and enriching the environment where students learn. We are deeply grateful for the passion, dedication, and creativity you bring to your students every day. Your commitment makes a lasting difference, and we are honored to support the incredible work you do.

Our Recent Impact

During the 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 school year, the Beyond the Classroom Grant has provided more than $30,000 in funding to faculty members across the district. This funding assisted teachers in completing projects that impacted their respective buildings or classrooms. Some examples include - Updating building wide signage and branding, purchasing charts, objects and activities to support math learning through engagement, various field trips, rewards & recognition for students, and health & wellness in the classroom to name a few.

Applications

Applications for the 2025 cycle are being accepted currently.

******Applications close on December 1, 2025. Scan the QR Code below to apply now***

OUR SUPPORTERS

Your Contribution

Whether it is our faculty members here at the district or local businesses, we have seen a growing investment in our Foundation. Through individual investments, joining our annual golf tournament, or attending our social event at Sand Springs for a night of food, entertainment, and tricky trays we are excited with the participation across the board. With this, we continue to grow as a school district which in turn impacts our foundation needs and funding. **We encourage all to scan the QR code below to learn more about contributing.**

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Whether a interested local business or individual supporter, scan the QR code below to learn more on the ways to contribute.

COUGAR PLAYERS DRAMA MERCHANDISE





Please find the link to purchase merchandise Cougar Players Drama Merchandise **here.**

JUMP START CART

We're excited to announce the launch of the Jump Start Cart, a student-run food truck initiative designed to empower our Hazleton Area students with real-world job skills and hands-on experience as we prepare them for their transition to the workforce. Specifically, this program supports young adults with special needs as they transition from the academic setting to the workplace—building independence, employment skills, and self-esteem.

Our very own Hazleton Area students will be learning to operate the food truck and will be serving staff across the district throughout the school year.

The Jump Start Cart will be hosting events every Thursday at various school locations.

Stay tuned for updates on where we'll be next.

We hope you'll stop by, enjoy some delicious food, and support our students in this exciting new venture!

The Jump Start Cart



The Jump Start Cart will be serving food from 10am-1pm in the main parking lot of Hazleton Area High School and will be staffed by HASD students. The JumpStart Cart is dedicated to supporting young adults with special needs transitioning from the academic setting to the workplace. Our vision is that every individual will gain independence, skills, and self-esteem for a lifetime of success in the workforce. **Come visit and support our HASD students!**

Dates:

- September 18th, 2025 (Teacher and Staff Appreciation Event, free samples for everyone!)
- October 2nd, 2025
- October 9th, 2025
- October 16th, 2025
- October 23rd, 2025
- October 30th, 2025
- November 6th, 2025
- November 13th, 2025
- November 30th, 2025

Menu:

- Buffalo Chicken Sandwich
- JumpStart Chicken Salad
- Jumpstart Turkey Melt
- Grilled Cheese
- Turkey Melt Salad Bowl
- JumpStart Chicken Salad Bowl
- Buffalo Chicken Salad Bowl
- JSC Walking Taco
- Egg Bites
- Drinks, Chips, and Clothing are available as well!

View website and place your online orders here!

THE Jump Start CART

PARENT CONCERN REFERENCE GUIDE

Change of Address

Parents must email a picture of one current proof document along with a photo ID:

- Deed
- Lease
- Utility bill
- Credit card bill
- Property tax bill
- Vehicle registration
- Driver's license
- DOT ID card

Please note-If the photo ID includes the new address, it can serve as both the photo identification and current proof of address.

Include student(s) name and birthdate(s).

Send to: Michelle Nicholas (nicholasm@hasdk12.org) or Dahiana Romero (romerod@hasdk12.org).

They will confirm the change and provide school assignment info.

Do NOT send parents to the Welcome Center or the administration building if they have their current proof with them

PARENT CONCERN REFERENCE GUIDE

New Registration

Register online:
https://skyward.iscorp.com/scripts/wsisa.dll/WService=wseduhazletonpa/skyenroll.w

If unable to register online, schedule an appointment at the Welcome Center using the School Registration Form

All required documents must be ready before the appointment.

Reentry

If gone 3 months or less- email a picture of one current proof:
- Deed
- Lease
- Utility bill
- Credit card bill
- Property tax bill
- Vehicle registration
- Driver's license
- DOT ID card
- Parent/guardian ID
- Student(s) name and birthdate(s)

If gone more than 3 months: complete full registration using this link: https://skyward.iscorp.com/scripts/wsisa.dll/WService=wseduhazletonpa/skyenroll.w

PARENT CONCERN REFERENCE GUIDE

Updating Contact Info

Parents can update their emails and phone numbers in Skyward under Account Management.

Updates reflect in Parent Square the next day.

If login info is unknown, building secretaries can give them that information or reset their passwords.

Secretaries needing help with this should email Dr. Briggs.

Bus Passes

Bus passes may take up to 3 days after registration.

Parents are responsible for transportation during this time.

Building secretaries can print bus passes.

IRS Forms

If a parent asks for an IRS form, building secretaries can generate IRS forms in Skyward by clicking the Verify link under Custom Forms.

Special Education Transportation

Can Contact Kelly Peak at extension 3136.

Welcome Center Extension

Welcome Center extension: 80131.

Geisinger

Janet Weis
Children's Hospital

Donation Wish List

The following items are always needed:

Coloring books (kids and adult)
Crayons
Markers
Colored pencils
Playdoh
Scissors
Glue
Arts and craft kits (including advanced kits for teens)
O-balls, rattles and teethers
Hot Wheels or Matchbox cars
Dolls
Action figures
Card games
Bubbles (wedding bubbles)
Small Lego Kits
Infant and toddler toys
Brand new books for all ages
Blankets (call for details)

Elia's Supplies for Santa

Coloring Books For Kids & Teens
Crayons, Markers, & Colored Pencils
Hot Wheels/Matchbox Cars
Card Games
Bubbles
Small Lego Kits
Brand New Books for all ages
***All items MUST be New and Latex Free**

Deadline for Donations is Nov 30th



KIDS TAG SALE



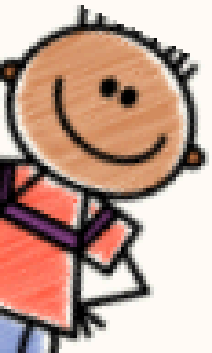


Come and sell gently used children's clothing, toys, and accessories from birth through teens
10x8 spot is just $20

When: Sunday, November 2nd
Seller set up 8:00-11:00
Open to the public to shop from 11:00-3:00
Where: Butler Township Community Center

Spots and tables are limited so don't delay- email today!
Contact: Melissa Bonin
melissabonin72812@gmail.com

This event benefits the Freeland YMCA Swimteam









FIRST SEVEN [7] WEEKS
JAN 12 TO FEB 27

EDU 585 SECTION DA: BLENDED LEARNING –CREATING A PERSONALIZED CLASSROOM FOR TODAY'S LEARNERS. INSTRUCTOR: GABRIELLE LIZBINSKI, ONLINE
EDU 585 SECTION DB: UTLIZING INTERACTIVE STUDENT NOTEBOOKS. INSTRUCTOR GABRIELLE LIZBINSKI, ONLINE
EDU 585 SECTION DC: UNDERSTANDING THE DIVERSE STUDENT. INSTRUCTOR: KRIS BONOMO, ONLINE
EDU 585 SECTION DD: BEHAVIORAL MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT STRATEGIES FOR STUDENTS WITH CHALLENGING BEHAVIORS. INSTRUCTOR: MARIA CELLA, ONLINE
EDU 585 SECTION DE: HOW A NOT YET CLASSROOM CAN FOSTER STUDENT LEARNING. INSTRUCTOR: BILL STONE, HYBRID. 1/24, 1/25, 1/31, 2/1. 9AM – 4PM.
EDU 585 SECTION DF: GAME BASED LEARNING. INSTRUCTOR: TERI GENNARO, ONLINE
EDU 585 SECTION DG: ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENTS. INSTRUCTOR: TERI GENNARO, ONLINE
EDU 585 SECTION DH: INTEGRATING IPAD TECHNOLOGY. INSTRUCTOR: SCOTT DUGGAN, ONLINE

SECONDSEVEN[7] WEEKS
MAR 9 – APR 29

EDU 585 SECTION DI: ESTABLISHING EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS. INSTRUCTOR: GABRIELLE LIZBINSKI, ONLINE EDU 585 SECTION DJ: HOMEWORK: THE AGE-OLD DEBATE. INSTRUCTOR: GABRIELLE LIZBINSKI, ONLINE EDU 585 SECTION DK: SELF-CARE STRATEGIES FOR TEACHERS. INSTRUCTOR: GABRIELLE LIZBINSKI, ONLINE EDU 585 SECTION DL: INCORPORATING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY INTO CLASSROOM LESSONS. INSTRUCTOR: MARIA CELLA, ONLINE EDU 585 SECTION DM: CALMING AND CONNECTION STRATEGIES FOR TEACHERS. INSTRUCTOR: BILL STONE, HYBRID 3/14, 3/15, 3/21, 3/22 9AM – 4PM EDU 585 SECTION DN: UTLIZING DIGITAL WHITEBOARDS. INSTRUCTOR: TERI GENNARO, ONLINE EDU 585 SECTION DO: THE FLIPPED CLASSROOM. INSTRUCTOR: TERI GENNARO, ONLINE EDU 585 SECTION DP: GOOGLE APPS IN EDUCATION. INSTRUCTOR: SCOTT DUGGAN, ONLINE EDU 585 SECTION DQ: NEW STUDENTS? NO PROBLEM! INSTRUCTOR: KRIS BONOMO, ONLINE

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kcefalo@misericordia.edu

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10th ANNUAL
VETERAN'S DAY
Ceremony and Reception

Thursday, November 6th, 2025
9AM to 11AM

Hazleton Area High School

1601 W. 23RD St. Hazle Township, PA 18202

The students, faculty and staff of the Hazleton Area High School cordially invite you and a guest to attend our *10th Annual Veterans Day Ceremony & Reception. We wish to pay tribute to all veterans and to the millions of active service personnel across the globe who exemplify the true character of the American spirit.*

It is our sincere pleasure to continue honoring our veterans knowing the manner by which they protected this country for so very long.

Kindly R.S.V.P. to Janine Sotack by November 1st, 2024 at 570-459-3221 Ext 81500

MISERICORDIA UNIVERSITY

Graduate Education
Professional Development Center
Spring 2026 Schedule – First 7 Weeks

Misericordia University's Teacher Education Department/Graduate Education Programs include a professional development opportunity for the educator interested in professional growth and Act 48 credits. A student enrolled in these courses will receive three (3) graduate credits (not transferable toward a master's degree) and Act 48 credits. All courses are taught by well-qualified instructors who have expertise and experience in the areas they teach.

Tuition: $320 per credit: $960 per course
Dates: Dates as indicated
Times: Variable; as depicted after each individual course offering.
Courses are offered fully online or in a blended (hybrid) format.

Registration: Toregister, please contact Karen Cefaloat570-674-8094or email kcefalo@misericordia.edu
Website: **www.Misericordia.edu/EdPDCenter**

First Seven (7) Weeks – January 12, 2026 to February 27, 2026

EDU 585 Section DA: Blended Learning – Creating a Personalized Classroom for Today's Learners

Instructor: GabrielleLizbinski,TeacherHazleton AreaSchoolDistrict
First 7 Weeks: January12, 2026 to February 27, 2026

Fully Online

Today's classroom looks very different than it did years ago. Our students are constantly connected to technology, screens, and social media. The concept of blended learning combines the benefits of a traditional classroom setting while using online educational resources and technology to engage students even further. Blended classrooms continue to evolve as technology evolves. Ultimately, this classroom environment allows the teacher to facilitate student learning while students self-guide their education with interactive experiences. This course showcases the pros and cons of a flipped classroom and how this approach to learning might just be the future of education.

The last day to drop this course with a full refund is on January 14, 2026 and the last day to withdraw from this course without a refund is on February 13, 2026.

EDU 585 Section DB: **Utilizing Interactive Student Notebooks**
Instructor: Gabrielle Lizbinski, Teacher Hazleton Area School District
First 7 Weeks: January 12, 2026 to February 27, 2026

Fully Online

This course is designed to help all content area teachers in grades K-12 understand what Interactive Student Notebooks are, how they can be utilized in their classrooms, andwhat benefits they holdfor studentachievement.

The last day to drop this course with a full refund is on January 14, 2026 and the last day to withdraw from this course without a refund is on February 13, 2026.

EDU 585 Section DC: **Understanding the Diverse Student**
Instructor: Kris Bonomo, Supervisor of Curriculum for the Hazleton Area School District
First 7 Weeks: January 12, 2026 to February 27, 2026

Fully Online

This course examines the social, culture, and educational backgrounds of our diverse students.

The last day to drop this course with a full refund is on January 14, 2026 and the last day to withdraw from this course without a refund is on February 13, 2026.

EDU 585 Section DD: Behavioral Management and Support Strategies for Students with challenging behaviors
Instructor: MarioCella, K-5 PhysicalEducationInstructor,8-10GradeCyberHealth andPhysicalEducation
First 7 Weeks: January 12, 2026toFebruary 27,2026

Fully Online

Students willgain skills and knowledge with effective strategies to manage classroom behaviors, support students struggling with behavioral challenges, and create a positive learning environment. Topics include understanding behavior, intervention techniques, positive reinforcement, de-escalation tactics, andcommunication strategies.

The last day to drop this course with a full refund is on January 14, 2026 and the last day to withdraw from this course without a refund is on February 13, 2026.

EDU 585 Section DE: How a Not Yet Classroom Can Foster Student Learning
Instructor: Bill Stone, ESL Teacher, Wyoming Valley West School District
First 7 Weeks: January 12, 2026 to February 27, 2026

***Hybrid - Online/Embedded study component integrated**

This course will show teachers how they can help students celebrate the academic experience and all it has to offer. They will learn specific ways to cultivate a not-yet classroom where productive struggle is encouraged, obstacles are valued, and students seethemselves as capable learners and risktakers.

ON CAMPUS MEETINGS:

This course will be implemented in a hybrid style online with some campus meetings.

Saturday, January 24	**9am until 4pm**
Sunday, January 25	**9am until 4pm**
Saturday, January 31	**9am until 4pm**
Sunday, February 1	**9am until 4pm**

***Please be aware this is a hybrid course that begins on January 12, 2026 and ends on February 27, 2026. In addition to the on-campus meetings, students enrolled in this course are required to complete additional online coursework during this six-week session.**

The last day to drop this course with a full refund is on January 14, 2026 and the last day to withdraw from this course without a refund is on February 13, 2026.

EDU 585 Section DF: Game Based Learning
Instructor: Teri Gennaro, Reading Specialist, Hazleton Area School District
First 7 Weeks: January 12, 2026 to February 27, 2026

Fully Online

Teachers will discover how to engage students through game-based learning.

The last day to drop this course with a full refund is on January 14, 2026 and the last day to withdraw from this course without a refund is on February 13, 2026.

EDU 585 Section DG: Alternative Assessments
Instructor: Teri Gennaro, Reading Specialist, Hazleton Area School District
First 7 Weeks: January 12, 2026 to February 27, 2026

Fully Online

Participants are introduced to a variety of instructional practices and resources and how thesepractices maybeeffective tools in assessingstudentunderstanding.

The last day to drop this course with a full refund is on January 14, 2026 and the last day to withdraw from this course without a refund is on February 13, 2026.

EDU 585 Section DH: Integrating iPad Technology

Instructor ScottDuggan, Technology Specialist, Unionville-Chadds Ford School District
First 7 Weeks: January 12, 2026 to February 27, 2026
Fully Online

The iPad has changed the playing field in the world of computing. The introduction of this tablet device has brought the power and functionality of a full-size computer system into a lightweight, user-intuitive, mobile tablet. Business and education have rapidly embraced the iPad to meet computing needs and fill specific niche roles. Today's students have a vast array of technological skills that are often untapped in the classroom setting. Technology can increase engagement, allows access to vast content, provide the ability to create media to share stories with visuals and sound, and signals what lies ahead for students. Bring technology into integrated use throughout the curriculum by using tablet devices and their applications to explore the development of lessons applicable to a range of subject areas through cross-curricular sound and video projects. Consider how the iPad can be an integrated professional tool for classroom management, creating and sharing content, and discuss the financial resources tobring these technologies into schools.

The last day to drop this course with a full refund is on January 14, 2026 and the last day to withdraw from this course without a refund is on February 13, 2026.

Second Seven (7) Weeks – March 9, 2026 to April 29, 2026

EDU 585 Section DI: Establishing Effective Communication with Parents

Instructor: Gabrielle Lizbinski,Teacher Hazleton Area School District
Second 7 weeks: March 9, 2026 to April 29, 2026
Fully Online

A frequently overlookedpartofthe educational process is the relationship between school members andparents.Even though parents/guardians are one of the main pieces of a child's education,their participation in that journey is often overlooked. Many times, teachersandadministrators find it difficult to communicate with those at home. Continual updatesonstudent progress, behavior, classroom activities/assessments,andbuilding events allows parents/guardians to be actively involved in their child'seducation. Effective communication between parents and teachers can build strongandcooperative relationships that help students grow in theirlearning.

The last day to drop this course with a full refund is on March 11, 2026 and the last day to withdraw from this course without a refund is on April 13, 2026.

EDU 585 Section DJ:**Homework: The Age-Old Debate**

Instructor: GabrielleLizbinski,TeacherHazletonAreaSchool District

Second 7 weeks: March 9, 2026 to April 29, 2026

Fully Online

The usefulness of homework has been an ongoingdebate between educators and parents. While many believe that homework is justan extension of school giving students additional practice in the concepts that areintroduced within the walls of their classrooms, many feel that homework does notallow children to meet other social, emotional, and physical needs. This course willdive into the pros and cons of homeworkandhow we can all come to agreatcompromise.

The last day to drop this course with a full refund is on March 11, 2026 and the last day to withdraw from this course without a refund is on April 13, 2026.

EDU 585 Section DK:**Self-Care Strategies for Teachers**

Instructor: GabrielleLizbinski,TeacherHazletonAreaSchool District

Second 7 weeks: March 9, 2026 to April 29, 2026

Fully Online

Teaching is among someofthe most stressful careers one can choose. Teachers face high-stress situationsdaily that may lead you to feeling unheard, unsupported, and uninspired. Self-careisessential for all teachers, but how do you know if you are doing the right things toprevent more anxiety? This course will help you target strategies that will fosterwellness and give opportunities for you to become a more inspired teacher, colleague,and self.

The last day to drop this course with a full refund is on March 11, 2026 and the last day to withdraw from this course without a refund is on April 13, 2026.

EDU 585 Section DL: Incorporating Physical Activity into Classroom Lessons

Instructor: MarioCella,K-5PhysicalEducationInstructor,8-10GradeCyberHealth and Physical Education

Second7weeks: March 9, 2026 to April 29, 2026

Fully Online

Thiscourse is designed to equipteachers with practical strategies and evidence-based methods for incorporating physicalactivity into their lessons. Research shows that integrating movement not only supports physical health but also enhances cognitive function, improves focus, and boosts overall engagement among students. Educators will learn how to seamlessly blend physical activity into their daily lesson plans without disrupting the flow ofinstruction.

The last day to drop this course with a full refund is on March 11, 2026 and the last day to withdraw from this course without a refund is on April 13, 2026.

EDU 585 Section DM: Calming and Connection Strategies for Teachers
Instructor: Bill Stone, ESL Teacher, Wyoming Valley West School District
Second 7 weeks: March 9, 2026 to April 29, 2026

***Hybrid - Online/Embedded study component integrated**

This course will ensure you break free from the bonds of stress as it teaches why cortisol floods our bloodstream when we are under stress, and how somatic awareness, mindfulness, and emotional resilience are the tools we can use to retrain your stress response for a happy, healthy life. You will be able to understand and manage your innatestress by focusingon gratitude, empathy, compassion, and hope.

ON CAMPUS MEETINGS:

This course will be implemented in a hybrid style online with some campus meetings.

Saturday, March 14	**9am until 4pm**
Sunday, March 15	**9am until 4pm**
Saturday, March 21	**9am until 4pm**
Sunday, March 22	**9am until 4pm**

***Please be aware this is a hybrid course that begins on March 9, 2026 and ends on April 29, 2026. In addition to the on-campus meetings, students enrolled in this course are required to complete additional online coursework during this seven-week session.**

The last day to drop this course with a full refund is on March 11, 2026 and the last day to withdraw from this course without a refund is on April 13, 2026.

EDU 585Section DN Utilizing Digital Whiteboards
Instructor: TeriGennaro,ReadingSpecialist,Hazleton Area School District
Second7weeks: March 9, 2026 to April 29, 2026

Fully Online

Miro board is a powerful onlinewhiteboard tool designed to transform collaboration and engagement in your classroom-andit's completely free for educators and students. In this course, we'll dive into themanyways the interactive Miro can enhance your teaching and encourage studentengagement, from creating interactive activities, to student-led projects.

The last day to drop this course with a full refund is on March 11, 2026 and the last day to withdraw from this course without a refund is on April 13, 2026.

EDU 585Section DO: The Flipped Classroom
Instructor: TeriGennaro,ReadingSpecialist,Hazleton Area School District
Second7weeks: March 9, 2026 to April 29, 2026

Fully Online

The flipped classroom is an instructional strategy which aims to increase student engagement by providing material at home or online, while class time is reserved for collaboration and other interactive activities. This course will provide information on the flipped classroom, why is works, strategies to use, what is needed, and how to design a lesson plan.

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EDU 585 Section DP: Google Apps in Education

Instructor: ScottDuggan,TechnologySpecialist,Unionville-Chadds Ford School District

Second7 weeks: March 9, 2026 to April 29, 2026

Fully Online

Currenttrends have shown a steady move toward cloud computing. Google Apps for Education is a suite of free, secure tools that can be used for collaboration and communication. With Google Apps for Education everything is automatically saved in the cloud. This allows users to access and edit email, documents, calendars and sites almost anywhere and anytime. Over 40 million students, faculty and staff in schools around the world are using Google Apps for Education. In this course you will learn the core components of Google Apps: Documents, Calendars, email and Sites. Additional tools such as Blogger, YouTube, Hangouts and Classroom will be introduced in the course.

The last day to drop this course with a full refund is on March 11, 2026 and the last day to withdraw from this course without a refund is on April 13, 2026.

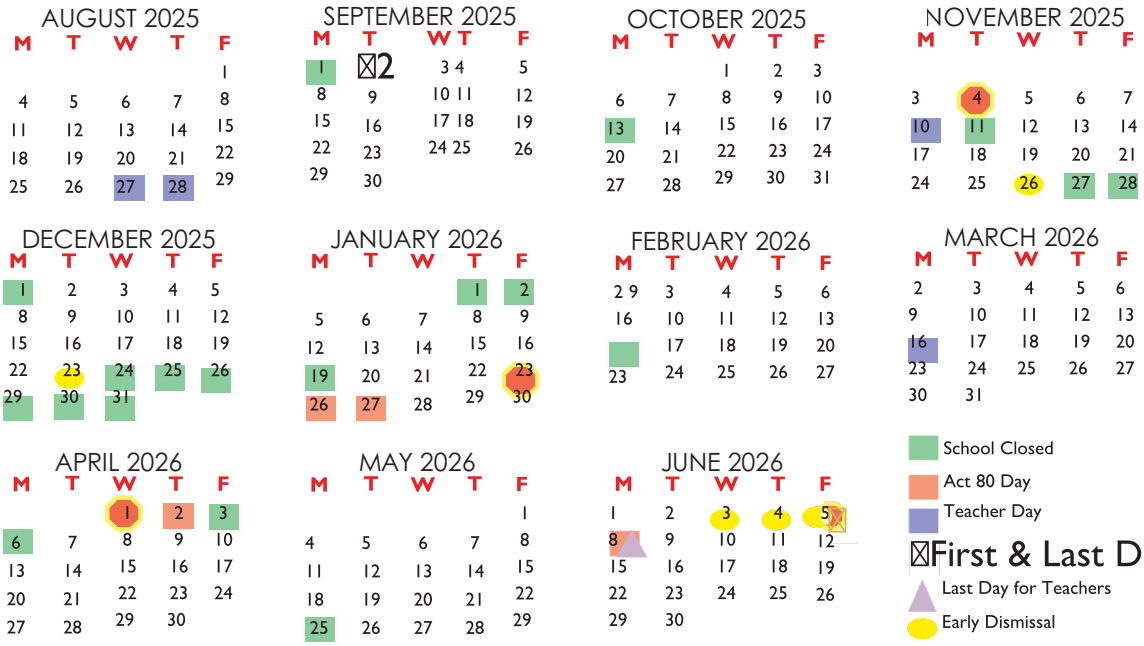
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To register, please contact 570-674-8094; or email kcefalo@misericordia.edu.
PLEASE NOTE: Students are responsible for reviewing their transcripts, and previously submitted registration forms, prior to submitting a registration form to ensure they are not registering for the same course(s) in which they were previously enrolled. The student agrees to meet all requirements and obligations (both academic and financial) which result from this registration and understand that it is their responsibility to notify the appropriate departments in the event they need to drop or withdraw from this/these course(s) for any reason.

RESOURCES/ LINKS

- **HASD Website**
- **HASD Delays & Cancellations**
- **HASD Admin**
- **Fall Sports Calendar**

HAZLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

2025 - 2026 CALENDAR



Aug.	27-28	–	Teacher Training Days
Sep.	1	–	Labor Day
Sep.	2	–	First Day For Students
Oct.	13	–	Columbus Day
Nov.	10	–	Teacher Training Day
Nov.	11	–	Veterans Day
Nov.	26	–	Early Dismissal for Students & Teachers
Nov.	27 - 28	–	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec.	1	–	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec.	23	–	Early Dismissal for Students & Teachers
Dec.	24 - 31	–	Winter Break
Jan.	1-2	–	Winter Break
Jan.	19	–	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan.	26	–	Act 80
Jan.	27	–	Act 80
Feb.	16	–	Presidents' Day
Mar.	16	–	Teacher Training Day (Snow Make-Up Day 1)
Apr.	2	–	Act 80
Apr.	3 - 6	–	Spring Break
May	25	–	Memorial Day
June	3 - 5	–	Early Dismissal - Students & Teachers
June	5	–	Last Day for Students
June	8	–	Act 80 Day
June	8	–	Last Day for Teachers
June	9	–	Thisday will be made up byteachers through attendanceat: MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT (See Attached) OPEN HOUSE (See Attached) GRADUATION (June 5)

NUMBER OF SCHOOL DAYS (ORIGINAL CALENDAR)

	STUDENTS	TEACHERS
August	0	2
September	21	21
October	22	22
November	16	17
December	16	16
Januar y	17	19
February	19	19
March	21	22
April	19	20
May	20	20
June		6
Totals:	5 176	 184

November 4 - End of 1st Quarter -
January 23 End of 2nd Quarter -
April 1 End of 3rd Quarter -
June 5 End of 4th Quarter

EARLY DISMISSAL TIMES - For Students

10:30 AM - Academy of Sciences (STEM)
10:45 AM - High School & Career Center
11:15 AM - Middle Schools
12:00 PM - Elementary Schools

PSSA (Grades 3 - 8) April 20-24, 2026 (English / Lang. Art.)
May 4 - 8, 2026 (Science)
April 27 - May 1, 2026 (Math)

KEYSTONE Dec. 3-17, 2025; Jan. 5-16 & May 11-22, 2026

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