



**WEATHER**

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
66° 45°	81° 37°	50° 36°	52° 36°

**UP & COMING**

- Oct. 28: Fall Concert Choir in auditorium, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 30: Kids Night Out in fieldhouse, 6-9 p.m.
- Oct. 30: Faculty luncheon in auditorium, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Nov. 9: Kids Night Out in fieldhouse, 4-9 p.m.
- Nov. 12: Band banquet in cafeteria, 6-9 p.m.
- Nov. 15: Zumbathon for seniors Gabby Mason and Morgan Miller in the fieldhouse, 7-9:30 p.m.
- Nov. 18: Football banquet in auditorium, 6-9 p.m.
- Nov. 23: Pomp & Plenty performances in auditorium & cafeteria, 3 p.m. & 7 p.m.
- Nov. 24: Pomp & Plenty performances in auditorium at 2 p.m. & 6 p.m.
- Nov. 27: Start of Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 6-7: Variety Show, 7 p.m.

**REMINDERS**

- Oct. 29: Senior order day in commons
- Nov. 2: SAT, 7:45 a.m.
- Nov. 4-6: One Act Play auditions, 3 p.m.
- Nov. 25-26: Hearing screenings
- Dec. 14: ACT

**AROUND CAMPUS**

**TEACHER CONTRACT CHANGES**

Despite the cost of living steadily increasing in the past several years, teachers at HCCSC have been on a salary "freeze" for the past three years. Some teachers even have seen salary decreases due to the fact that insurance and retirement costs have increased. But in late September, a new contract brought relief to teachers.

Through the new contract, teachers now have the ability to gain a pay raise if he/she received a "effective" or "highly effective" rating for their teaching. After meeting these qualifications, teachers can earn additional raises by previously teaching in the school system for 120 days, having a Master's degree, completing extra training or having been presented with leadership awards through a state or national organization. Teachers qualifying for every unit are eligible for up to \$3,050, including a \$600 insurance refund. Last year HCCSC saved money on insurance, so this year it is being returned to the teachers in the form of the \$600 stipend.

"The last couple of years it has been very challenging negotiating the contract. I would say this is mostly because the funding we receive from the state has decreased and many of the laws have changed," contract negotiator Matt Walters said.

The teachers were able to receive small increases because student enrollment plateaued this year and the school corporation saved money on the salaries of teachers who had retired.

# Fog causes crash

**Senior Morgan Miller recovers from early morning accident that totaled her car, resulting in several injuries, igniting support**



Photos by Melissa Holley

In the tow yard after the accident, senior Morgan Miller's car is completely totaled after running into a ditch. A stop sign was obscured by fog, resulting in the crash on a t-road. Miller and her friend were on the way to Miller's house at about 8:30 a.m. when the wreck occurred.

BY KYLIE FREDERICK  
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The dense, early morning fog on Monday, Sept. 31 caused a two-hour delay, but even then, one could not see Huntington North from Viking Lane. Thankfully though, students and staff arrived safely at school and the fog lifted. However, for senior Morgan Miller and her friend, the weather conditions proved to be disastrous.

Even though the girls were not heading to school, they were still out driving at the time that everyone else was, around 8:30 a.m. Miller was moving the other student's belongings into her house that morning because her friend was moving in with Miller's family. Unknowingly, the girls were speedily approaching a stop sign that was simply unnoticeable in the heavy mist.

"It was so foggy that we missed the stop sign and it was a T in the road so we crashed into the embankment on the other side," Miller said.

Miller remembers passing the stop sign and holding her friend's hand in the ambulance for moral support, but other than that, she doesn't "remember a lot."

When close friend of Miller, senior Becca Hauke found out the news, she was "scared to death."

"When her grandma called me and told me that they had been in a car accident, my heart dropped. I ran back inside, told my dad what had happened and that I wasn't going to school. I drove as fast as I could to the hospital while holding back tears. Morgan's mom warned me when I was walking in that they were bad and that I should prepare myself, but it's a lot worse than you think it's going to be because in your head, you can only see them how they look every day. I kind of caught my breath when I saw both of them and it was hard not to cry," Hauke said.

Both girls suffered multiple injuries. Miller was discharged from the hospital before her friend and sustained injuries of a broken nose in two spots, multiple lacerations on her face that cut down into her skull and torn ligaments in her foot. The other student had three fractured lower vertebrae and she's has been fitted for a back brace. She also broke her nose and had a lacerated liver which healed itself. Miller returned to school a week after the accident and her friend is expected to be back in approximately three weeks.

"I'm really afraid to be in a car now. Like, I'm not afraid, but people are just terrible drivers and I'm just afraid of

another accident happening," Miller said. "...I'm going to need another car because my car was totaled, but when I do start driving again, I'm going to be wary about it and what conditions I drive in. If there's another two-hour delay and it's still foggy, I would just stay home. I don't have anywhere to be but school so I'd wait until I absolutely have to go."

Because the girls both have "a lot of hospital bills" a Zumbathon fundraiser is being planned. Even though Miller doesn't like "taking other people's money" she understands and is "excited to see how it goes."

"I'm really good friends with Morgan... and I know that they have costly hospital bills, so I just want to help in any way that I can," senior Taylor Scher said.

The date for the fundraiser is Nov. 15. The event will take place from 7-9:30 p.m. and consist of a bake sale, silent auction, a raffle and professional dance instruction from senior Dylan Wilson and other trained, local dancers. Anyone wishing to be involved should contact Laura Stearns.

Despite trying several times, the other student involved in the accident was unable to be contacted; therefore, the name has been left out to protect privacy.

# DUAL CREDIT

**With more than 15 college classes to choose from, students have ability to earn up to one year of college credit**

BY HANNAH SCHER  
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Walking through the crammed hallways, students believe they walk amongst high schoolers. Unbeknownst to many, though, much of the student population are actually college students.

With more than 15 dual credit classes available, students have the unique advantage to earn college credit while still in high school. This year students have saved more than \$90,000 in college tuition by taking dual credit classes.

Dual credit allows students to earn

college credit at a discounted rate, which is an attraction for many students.

"I have kids in college and getting ready to go, the cost is huge so if it saves the kids a few dollars, wonderful," math teacher Natalie Goings said. "...I also think that the rigor of a dual credit course helps get the students prepared for the kind of work college will take."

With many options of classes, students can possibly gain enough credits to pass the first year of college.

"I take dual credit to earn college credits and to hopefully not go to school

as long,"

senior Carley McElhaney said.

The school is now in the process

of adding more new dual credit classes. By next year, Daugherty has hopes that students will have 15 new dual credit courses to choose from.

**Cost Savings**

Dual vs. College Credit	Cost
\$100	\$1050
\$325	\$775

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