

# A Note From the Principal

Dear Blue Devil Family,

We have had a very positive start to the 2022-23 school year, and it was refreshing not to have to deal with all of the issues that caused difficulty the last two years. It is hard to believe that Homecoming is now in the rearview mirror. Before we know it, it will be the holiday season.

## All In

This year at QHS, we have adopted the All In motto. We want all students, parents, and families to know that we as a QHS staff are All In in helping each and every student be their best self and to make sure they both graduate from high school and also have options once they do graduate. We will help solve problems and be flexible. Part of All In, however, is also agreeing to hold students accountable in order to help them make decisions that will positively impact their future. We are also asking students and parents to be All In. A brief overview of what it means to be All In for staff, students, and parents is included later in the Newsletter.

## 2022-23 Changes

We have had some changes this year. First, we had to slightly adjust our bell schedule to accommodate a 2:25 release time. Consequently, we now have 4-minute passing periods. Though this caused some issues early on, the vast majority of our students have adapted successfully. We also continued with 6 lunch periods this year (2 each in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> hours). We also rearranged the Counseling Office: we divided the student body by alphabet and distributed among 7 counselors. The 8<sup>th</sup> counselor, Jessica Beaston, now coordinates all interventions, manage state testing, and is the counselor for all students with IEPs.

## Graduation Rate

The Graduation rate for the Class of 2022 was 83%, a 6% increase from the previous year. While we are happy with the increase, we are not satisfied with that number. Paired with intervention and the All In philosophy detailed, we hope to continue to increase this number. While the Graduation rate is really a K-12 and community metric, we own at QHS the fact that we can do more to get our students across the stage each year.

## Tutoring Center

The QHS Tutoring Center is open 7 hours a day, and it offers a variety of services. The Tutoring Center can provide a quiet place to study, a place to get homework help, a place to get study skills or organizational help, and/or a place to catch up after an extended absence. Students may attend during Homeroom (with a pass from one of their teachers), study hall (with a pass), or during a release hour. We are also looking for Juniors and Seniors in upper level courses to be tutors in the Center. If interested, students should talk to their counselors.

## AP Exams

Last year the College Board moved the sign up period for AP Exams to the Fall instead of the Spring. If you have questions, please talk to your student's AP teacher or Chad Struck in the Counseling Office.



Jody Steinke  
Principal

### Call Direct:

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# A Note From the Principal (cont.)

## Lap Tops

QHS recommends that all students bring a lap top or tablet to school every day. We do have a limited number for students to borrow. In order to borrow a lap top, students must be registered. If your student needs to borrow a lap top, have them stop in the Main Office. Supplies are limited.

## Skyward

We recommend that all parents and students download the Skyward App. This is a great way to stay on top of grades and progress in each class. New this year: parents can also report a student absence online through either the Skyward App or their online Skyward Family Access account.

## Schoology

Again this year, all QHS teachers will be uploading every assignment in their classes to Schoology. In addition, they will also be posting a daily or weekly calendar. Many teachers also post instructional videos and resources for extra help. This should be students' first stop if they are absent or need to find a handout or missing assignment.

## Recognition

- **Student Council** – Congratulations to all Student Council officers and members on a great Homecoming week. Thanks also to the Student Council Sponsors Stacie Niffen and Greg Wellman.
- **Jay Patel** – Jay was named as a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist because of his stellar performance on the PSAT.
- **Pooja Ghanekar** – Pooja was named the Exchange Club Student of the Month for September.
- **Homecoming Court** – Congratulations to the 2022-23 Homecoming Court:
  - ◊ Queen: Bella Green
  - ◊ King: Keaton Crowder
  - ◊ Junior Rep: Onea Purtle
  - ◊ Sophomore Rep: Keyarri Holder
  - ◊ Freshman Rep: Anika Reddy
- **Fall Musical** – Congratulations to the recently named cast and crew of the Fall musical, *Hairspray*.
- **Bella Ease Youth Board** – Congratulations to Caron Banks, Landon Hoener, Keyarri Holder, and Lindsay Shepherd for being nominated to serve on the Bella Ease Youth Board.

## Important Upcoming Events

- Quincy Conference (No School) – Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>
- PSAT/NMSQT – Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>
- Picture Retakes – Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>
- End of First Quarter – Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>
- QHS PTO Meeting – Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM in D137

- Josten's Grad Meeting – Homerooms on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>
- Parent Teacher Conferences
  - ◊ Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00 PM
  - ◊ Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> (Half day of school) from 12:30-2:00 PM and 5:00 -7:00 PM
  - ◊ Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> (No School) from 7:30-10:00 AM
- Night to Dream Big – Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at The Ambiance
- Fall Musical – Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>
- QHS PTO Meeting – Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM in D137
- Thanksgiving Break (Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> through Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>)
- Semester Exams – Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> through Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

**Graduation**  
**Friday, May 26, 2023, in**  
**Flinn Stadium at**  
**6:30 pm**  
*(date will not change)*

# HOW TO BE "ALL IN" DURING ENGLISH



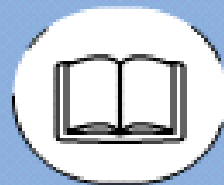
## CHECK SCHOOLLOGY

Use posted resources and agendas



## LISTEN TO DISCUSSIONS

Learn from the opinions of others



## READ ASSIGNMENTS

Come prepared to discuss texts



## BE CREATIVE

Try new ways of learning a skill



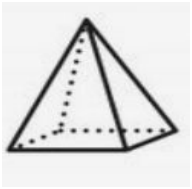
## PARTICIPATE

Be engaged in new material

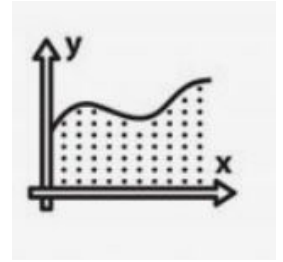


## COMPLETE HOMEWORK

Practice skills by completing work



# “All In” in Mathematics



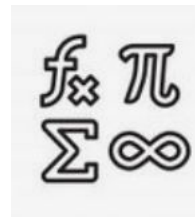
## Teachers will...

- Encourage students to keep trying when they get a problem wrong
  - Making mistakes is a natural part of learning.
- Allow for peer collaboration for practice assignments
  - “Two minds are better than one.”
  - A peer may be able to explain a problem to another in a different way.
- Keep grades up to date
- Communicate home when needed
- Be available for extra help when a student is struggling



## Students will...

- Come to class daily
- Take notes and be involved in class discussions
  - Use class time wisely to work on class activities and assignments.
- Do homework and submit it on time
  - Math builds on itself. If students do not turn in one assignment, then before they know it, they have several missing assignments.
  - If students are absent many teachers have systems in place on Schoology for students to catch up on material at home (videos of lessons, pictures of notes filled out, etc.)
- Ask questions when needing extra help! Do not get too far behind before reaching out to the teacher for help. Waiting too long will make it harder to catch up.



## Parents will...

- Check their child’s grades on a regular basis
- Ask their child to explain topics they are learning
  - When students can explain a problem to someone else, their knowledge of the material deepens.
- Encourage their child to get extra help when needed

# How to be ALL IN in science...

FOLLOW  
Lab Safety  
RULES

THINK like  
a  
Scientist

BE PRESENT  
in the  
Moment

BE  
RESILIENT

COMMUNICATE  
with Teacher

COLLABORATE  
with Peers

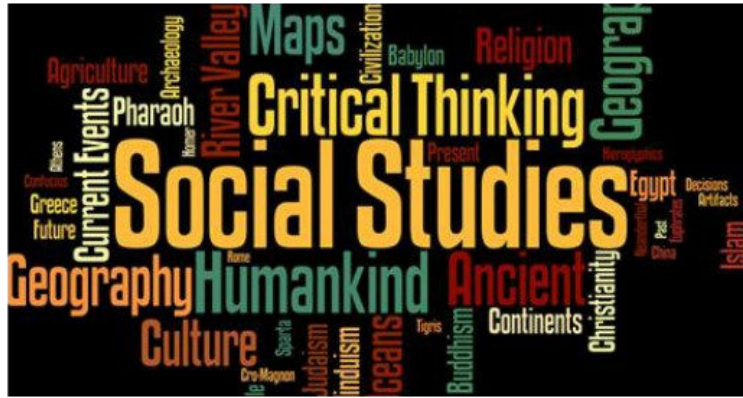
Complete  
STEM  
Challenges  
and Target  
Labs

Have  
CURIOSITY

Keep an  
OPEN  
MIND

IMAGINE  
science in  
the FUTURE





## “All In” in Social Studies

### Students

- Check grades on Skyward
- Communicate with teachers about missing work and ask questions if you are unsure
- Will come to class prepared, with required materials

### Teacher

- Grades will be entered in a timely manner
- Communicate with students and parents when necessary
- Clearly communicated deadlines and course expectations

### Parents

- Check their child’s grade every 1-2 weeks
- Encourage their child to engage in respectful discussion about political and current events topics in class

Reminder: Elections are November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and you can register at



<https://www.co.adams.il.us/government/departments/county-clerk/voting-and-elections/register-to-vote>

# Quincy Area Vocational Technical Center News & Activities

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## Our students are already hard at work learning useful workplace skills!

- Construction Trades students are currently laying flooring at the house at 2909 Lind. Kitchen cabinets are ordered and will be in soon! We are hoping to complete all the other finishing touches and be ready to start on a new house this semester.
- Graphics students are currently learning about typography. Digital graphics classes are working on creating effective posters using typography and learning how to vectorize images to use on their posters. Graphics I is working on creating a portrait of their favorite person/character using only type.
- Our preschool started on September 6th and our high school students were excited to welcome back their preschool friends. The Student Leaders are learning how to set up centers and what skills the preschoolers are learning in each center as well as taking on leadership roles in the classroom.
- Culinary Arts first year students have been practicing their cutting and chopping skills. Second year students are beginning to sell muffins, cookies, and freezer meals to staff.
- Health Occupations students are beginning their clinicals at Good Samaritan Home soon and recently attended the Healthcare Career Expo at JWCC.
- Metalworking and Welding students have finished up their safety course and will begin learning how to use the various machinery in the shop.
- Auto Tech students are currently working on three restoration projects. They have also already done multiple repair and brake jobs on student and staff vehicles.
- Diesel students are participating in Ag/Big Equipment Days at elementary schools. Diesel I students have finished discussions on engines and are learning about turbo chargers. Advance Diesel students have diagnosed an air flow problem on a Freightliner, a low fuel pressure concern on a Dodge pickup and are replacing a radiator on a spot truck.
- Business classes are learning the background of businesses, how to record transactions, how to be a professional, and what is going on in the business world currently. By applying these lessons to real life experience, it has given the kids a reason to be excited about these topics.
- Ag students have started doing Ag Days at elementary schools to showcase the many different areas of agriculture.
- Engineering students are finishing up simple machines (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> class levers, pulleys and gears). They are getting ready to participate in the paper roller coaster STEM competition for Makerfest. Electronics classes are learning to solder and making light up LED glasses.



Quincy FFA hit the ground running coming into this school year. We started off by taking a majority of our first-year members to Greenhand conference. Our FFA tried something new this year with our Barnyard 5k run and it turned out amazing. Thank you to all that supported! We also held our annual toy show with the 5k run and it turned out well.

At the end of October, we will be taking **10** members to the National FFA convention! We are extremely excited to be attending once again this year. We have increased our FFA this year to over 80 members!

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## *Upcoming Events!*

**October 20, 2022 - Annual Tri-State Makerfest:** This event highlights careers in manufacturing, transportation & logistics and skilled trades.

**January 27, 2023 – Annual Sophomore Career Fair:** This event allows sophomores to listen to speakers across many career areas to help give them a better understanding of what a particular career may look like for them.

## From Student Services

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- It is vital that we have the correct contact information in Skyward for students & parents/guardians. If you move, change phone numbers or any contact information changes, please let QHS know as soon as possible.
- Following is a summary of our cellphone policy: Students are allowed to use electronic devices during non-instructional time, which is defined as before and after school, passing periods, and during the student's lunch period
- Attendance at school is vital to learning. Once students enter high school they are working on credits toward graduation. In order to obtain the 23 credits necessary for graduation, attendance at school, being in class on time and being in the correct locations during the day are all essential elements in earning a high school diploma
- QHS routinely practices safety drills. Although we don't always give the time of day the drill will be taking place, all drills are announced (dates). We are mandated to hold a certain number of drills each year (listed below). We are also mandated to inform parents when we will be conducting a law enforcement/Lockdown drill (parents will be emailed as to the date that the lockdown drill will be taking place). All of our safety practices are put into place to keep students and staff as safe as possible. All safety procedures can be located near the door in all classrooms and offices. The following drills are practiced at QHS:
  - ◇ Lockdown Drill (4 times a year)
  - ◇ Fire Drill (3 times a year)
  - ◇ Tornado Drill (2 times a year)
  - ◇ Earthquake Drill (1 time a year)
  - ◇ Bus Evacuation Drill (1 time a year as determined by the Transportation Department)

## Athletics

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This fall has gotten off to a great start. Fall sports seasons opened on August 8 and took off with a mad dash and haven't looked back since. As with any season, we have seen our ups and downs, but our student-athletes have always dealt with each day the Blue Devil way! The season started with three huge events right off the bat. 1) QHS Boys Golf Tournament, 2) QHS vs. QND Football game, and 3) QHS Volleyball Early Bird Tournament. All three events are true showcases of what our student-athletes are capable of.

Some short highlights from each fall sport:

**Cheer:** Both our JV and Varsity Cheerleaders have kept our crowds going at both Football and Soccer games this fall. Highlight games are always the QHS vs. QND games for both sports. I've seen firsthand the hospitality these girls offer to our visiting fans and teams and it is something to be proud of.

**Cross Country:** The Cross Country team opened their season at a WB6 kickoff meet in Moline where they had a strong showing against our conference competition to set us up for a successful season. Both teams won their next meet at Jacksonville. The next event will be the Tom Oakley Invite on Saturday, Oct. 1.

**Football:** The Blue Devils opened the season with a win at cross-town rival QND. They followed that up with wins against Alton, East Moline and Galesburg. Their only loss to date is to Moline. They currently stand 4-1 overall and 2-1 in the WB6 heading into the Sterling game on Sep. 30.

**Boys Golf:** Boys golf has had a great season as they finished fourth in the conference, fifth in the Regional and advancing two individuals to the Sectional tournament next week.

**Girls Golf:** Girls Golf has continued their dominance on the links with another WB6 Conference Championship and Regional Championship leading them to the Sectional meet next week!

**Pom Pom:** The Q-City Pommers have been a thrill this fall. One of their season highlights was getting to do a combined kick-line with the QND Pommers at the QHS vs. QND soccer game at their place. If you missed it, come out to Flinn on Wednesday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> to see them perform again!

**Boys Soccer:** The Boys Soccer team currently sits 8-6 overall and 5-1 in the WB6. With a win next week against Geneseo we would share a conference title!

**Girls Tennis:** Girls Tennis has a current overall record of 9-3. The girls will be hosting the WB6 Conference Championship on Oct. 7 and 8<sup>th</sup> at Reservoir Park.

**Volleyball:** The QHS Volleyball team currently sits 9-8 overall and 6-3 in the WB6. They look forward to hosting the Quincy Regional on Oct. 24-27.





## Octoberfest Invitational Parade & Field Competition

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The 26th annual Octoberfest Invitational Parade and Field Competition will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2022.

Marching bands from Illinois, Missouri and Iowa will travel down Quincy's colorful Maine Street beginning at 2:00 p.m. The parade will begin at 30th and Maine Streets and continue west until Quincy Junior High at 14th and Maine. Area and traveling marching bands will present their competition selections for the judge's stand located at 25th and Maine Streets.

After the parade, the bands will travel to FLINN MEMORIAL STADIUM where the field competition will begin at 5:00 p.m. after an opening ceremony presented by the Quincy Senior High Marching Blue Devil Band, QHS Colorguard and Q-City Pommers and special guests, the QJHS Concert Band. During the field competition, marching bands will present their half-time presentations for adjudication by a panel of distinguished judges. Awards will be presented for musicianship and overall enrollment at the conclusion of the competition.

Participating bands this year will include Clark County R-1 High School, Troy Buchanan High School, Illini West High School, Auburn High School, Fort Madison High School, Pattonville High School, Rushville-Industry High School, Williamsville High School, Fort Zumwalt East High School, Hannibal High School, Quincy Notre Dame High School, Rock Ridge High School, Camp Point Central High School, Heartland Christian Academy and Liberty Junior High School.

Chairpersons Erica Carmean and Debbie Johnson are coordinators of the event. Admission for this annual fundraising event is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students (high school and younger.) Tickets will be available at the door. More information is available by calling the Quincy Senior High Music Department at 224-3774.



# QHS Music Dept. Presents “Hairspray”

A plus-sized heroine tackles plus-sized ideas in Quincy Senior High School’s fall musical, Hairspray.

The show will be presented on the QHS stage at 7:00 p.m. Nov. 9, 10, 11, and 12 and at 2 p.m. Nov. 13.

Hairspray takes place in Baltimore in 1962. This was the year which introduced The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, and a year before the historic march on Birmingham. Tracy Turnblad, a big-haired teen, navigates a world where limitations are placed upon individuals based on race, appearance, status, and gender. When Tracy breaks the mold by earning a dancing spot on The Corny Collins Show, she quickly sees the injustice her African-American friends experience at the studio.

**hairspray**  
THE ROSSINIWAY MUSICAL



Determined to fight for the right of integration, Tracy finds herself in the middle of the Civil Rights Movement, marching down the streets of Baltimore for equality.

Hairspray takes the audience on a journey of friendship, acceptance, community, and love, all while entertaining the crowd with hilarious dialog, 60s-style dance music, and show-stopping dance numbers.

Hairspray originated as a John Water’s film in 1988 and was adapted to a stage musical in 2002. The musical won eight Tony Awards in 2003 including one for Best Musical. It was later

adapted to a movie musical in 2007 starring John Travolta. QHS students will be showcased as cast members, pit musicians, and technical crew members. Lexi Mero recreates the role of Tracy Turnblad, and Clara Louthan plays the role of Penny, her best friend. Joey Engelmeyer plays the part of Corny Collins while Kelsi VanderMaiden and Riley Holthaus tackle the roles of the mother daughter duo, Velma & Amber. The Stubbs family will be portrayed by Isabella Green as Mottomouth Maybelle, Trevin Humphrey as Seaweed, and Keyarri Holder as Little Inez.

Other cast members include Max Miller as Link Larken, Lucas Dotson as Edna Turnblad, Conall Wolfmeyer as Wilbur Turnblad, and Ethan Rodgers as Harriman Spritzer.

The production is under the direction of Meghan Buckley with vocal direction by Paul Shelor. Bethany Otte will serve as the orchestra pit director, Dave Buckley as the technical director, while Ben Dombroski serves as the production choreographer. Bronson Bybee will coordinate sound.

Tickets go on sale October 26th. Tickets are \$18 for students, \$20 for seniors, and \$22 for adults. To reserve tickets, please call the QHS music office at 217.224.3774 or visit [www.qps.org/departments/music](http://www.qps.org/departments/music) to order online.



## Spaghetti Supper

The QHS Concert Orchestra and Concert Choir parents will sponsor a spaghetti supper preceding the Friday and Saturday night performances of “Hairspray” with proceeds to benefit student activities throughout the year. Supper tickets are \$8.00 per person for both adults and children and may be purchased at the QHS Music Office, from any orchestra or choir member or at the door.

## Picture Retakes



*Picture Retake Day is scheduled for Thursday, October 13th*