



Welcome Hawk Families!

On behalf of Hoffman Estates Loyal Partners (H.E.L.P.), I welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year! Although this school year has started off differently than any of us could have imagined, I wish you and your student much success as we navigate and adapt to our new routines.

What is H.E.L.P.? H.E.L.P. is made up of parents, teachers, alumni and community members. Our purpose is to support curricular and extracurricular activities at Hoffman Estates High School. We do this through fundraising and volunteering for H.E.L.P. and at various school events. Our goal is to strengthen the connection between school, home, community, and faculty.

What do we do? In a typical year...

We coordinate this monthly newsletter, plan Post Prom, provide refreshments at school dances & special events. We provide scholarships for graduating seniors, coordinate sports pictures from which comes our seasonal Sports Guide, and provide a gift to our incoming Freshmen. We also run an orientation for Freshmen parents and celebrate our students and staff through our Student Appreciation and Staff Appreciation committees. We are proud to support and contribute to school enhancements, school events, Blessings in a Backpack and Hawk's Nest.

With the changes in place to protect our students, staff and families, we plan to continue what we are able to do and discover new and exciting ways to support our Hawks!

Do we fundraise? Yes! That's where we get our funds which allow us to do some of these great things. Memberships are a super important part of raising funds (you may join through My School Bucks...see below for more information), along with our new online School Store! We have brand new HEHS Spirit Wear that we are proud to offer. (Click this link to go directly to our website. **The store closes on August 30th, so order now!!** <https://hoffman2020.itemorder.com/sale>) Our annual Trivia Night is our big event that is not to be missed in early Spring, Dine & Share Restaurant Nights, donations, and other fundraisers.

What can I do? Become a member of Hoffman Estates Loyal Partners! Your contribution enables us to continue to provide programs that support your student and our staff. You may join H.E.L.P. via the **My School Bucks** app. Simply log in, click on "store" at the bottom of the page, choose your membership level and check out! You may also join by mail. Feel free to reach out to either myself or Jenn Sklena at hehshelpmember@gmail.com for a form or with any questions. **Attend our meetings!** Please accept my personal invitation to attend our meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. They are held at 6:30pm in the Media Center. You will get to meet administration and hear from them about happenings around the school as well as learn about opportunities to support our Hawks! We would love for you to join our growing group of parents who have many priorities and concerns in common.

How do I stay informed? Read this newsletter monthly! We are confident you will find it a great source of information. "Like" our Facebook page: "Hoffman Estates Loyal Partners—Help", find us on Twitter: "@HoffmanHELP", and check out our website under the "parents" tab on the HEHS website.

I am excited to finish up my 8 years as a Hoffman parent and board member of H.E.L.P as your president. I plan to work closely with our board and of course with our Vice President, Kate Johnson, to continue to enhance the high school experience for our students and staff. A huge **THANK YOU** to our board for their willingness to give of their time and energy to serve the HEHS community!

I look forward to meeting you soon!

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