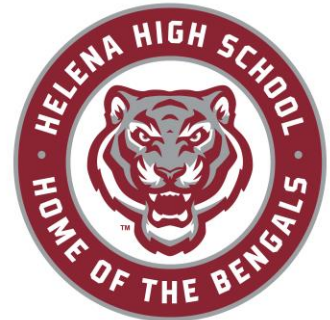


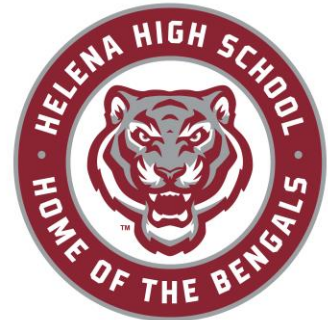
Freshmen Parent Night
Class of 2028

Welcome !



Administrative Staff

- Mr. Brian Kessler – Principal – 2202
bkessler1@helenaschools.org
- Mrs. Julie TeNyenhuis– Assistant Principal (A-L) - 2204
jtenyenhuis@helenaschools.org
- Mr. Eric Peterson – Assistant Principal (M-Z) - 2205
epeterson@helenaschools.org



Bengal Beginnings

- August 28, 2024
 - Students line up outside Entry 21 by 8:15 a.m. We will bring them into the building from there after a brief announcement
 - Morning – Opening assembly, small group work
 - Lunch provided for all students – BBQ
 - Afternoon – Chromebooks checked out, follow their schedule
 - All Freshmen have been assigned a locker
 - Really do not need to bring anything



Importance of Attendance

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

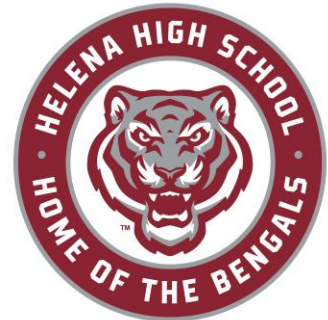
Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses 2 days a month..	When a student misses 4 days a month..
They will miss <u>20 DAYS</u> a year.	They will miss <u>40 DAYS</u> a year.
They will miss <u>30 HOURS</u> of math over the school year.	They will miss <u>60 HOURS</u> of math over the school year.
They will miss <u>60 HOURS</u> of reading & writing over the school year.	They will miss <u>120 HOURS</u> of reading & writing over the school year.
They will miss over <u>1 YEAR</u> of school by graduation.	They will miss over <u>2 YEARS</u> of school by graduation.



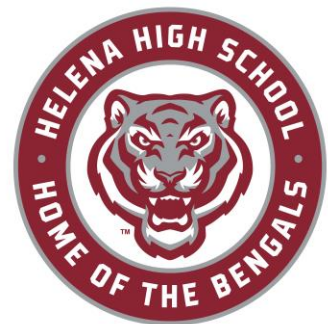
Drop Out Information

- High school grads earn \$143 more a week than someone who drops out, roughly \$7500 a year
- Dropouts draw larger government subsidies
- Dramatically increased chance of landing in prison
- Lower life expectancy
- Indicators that we can help control
 - Attendance
 - Discipline Referrals
 - Interest/Engagement in School
 - Involvement in school activities



Important Dates

- August 30
 - Freshman BBQ 5:00 p.m.
 - Football Game 7:00 p.m.
- September 11– Picture day
- September 17 – Open House (6:00 p.m.)
- Homecoming Week: 9/16
- End of 1st Quarter: 11/1
- Year at a glance will have all months available

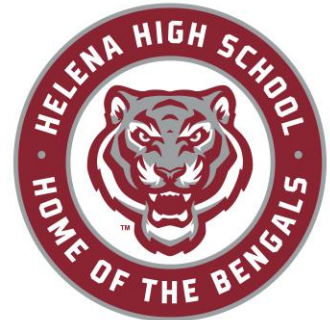


Communication Home and Parent Involvement

- Bengal Happenings
- Class Agendas – Teacher Webpages
- Coffee with the Principal
- Other Events in the Works

MBI

- Be Involved
- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be a Graduate (23 Credits)
- Bengal Fridays



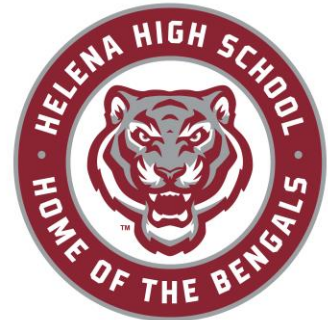
Who Can I Contact?

- Access PowerSchool – Periodic Check – Jodi Neary (2214)
- Concerns – Contact the teacher
- Contact the Counselor
 - Mrs. Pandis: A-G(2227)
 - Mrs. Staldine: H-N (2224)
 - Mrs. Rouse: 0-Z (2223)
- If on an IEP – Contact Case Manager
- Contact Administration
 - Mrs. TeNyenhuis: A – L (2204)
 - Mr. Peterson: O – Z (2205)
 - Mr. Kessler: (2202)
- Driver's Ed: 324-2107
- Bus Phone Number: 324 - 2100
- School Nurse – Ms. Rodway: 324 - 2216



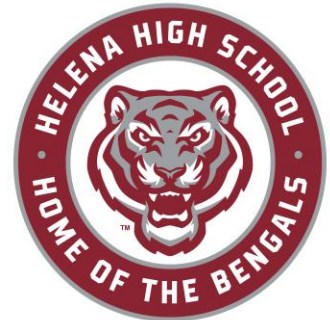
How can we Help Support Freshmen and Decision Making?

- Lunch (Open Campus)
 - What is their plan?
 - On Campus?
 - Lunch Room
 - Breakfast \$2.00
 - Lunch: \$3.10
 - Catty Shack
 - Brown Bag – Hallways and/or Classrooms
 - Delivery systems?
- Attendance
- Cell Phones
- Parking and Parking Lot Decisions
- New"er" Additions to this list:
 - AI
 - Social Media
 - Cyber bullying and sharing of information



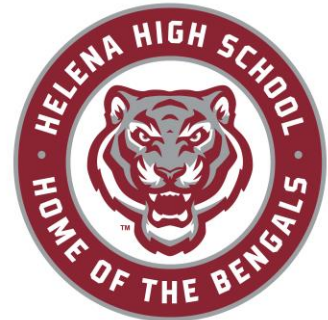
Sleep Information

- From Puberty to around 26 – 9.25 hours
- Keep a regular sleep schedule
- One long block of continuous sleep vs. short naps
- Limit the use of electronics 1 hour before bed



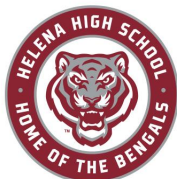
Attendance

- ALWAYS CHECK OUT BEFORE YOU LEAVE!!!
- Attendance Number: 324-2211
- Unexcused Absences: 3
- Excused Absences: 10
- School Related and Field Trip
- Medical



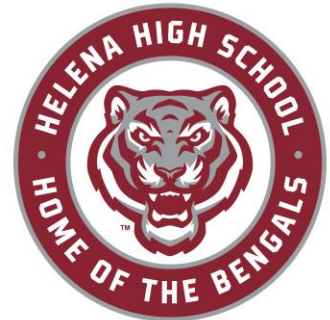
Cell Phones/Electronic Devices

- Used in hallways before school, after school, lunch, between classes.
- Not used in class without teacher permission, absolutely no use in locker rooms or bathrooms or other areas where privacy may be a concern
- Cell Phone Policy
 - First Violation – phone/watch/ear buds will be confiscated, parent contact made, given back at the end of the day
 - Second Violation – phone/watch/ear buds will be confiscated, parent contact made, device given to parent at the end of the day, discussion on next steps will be held



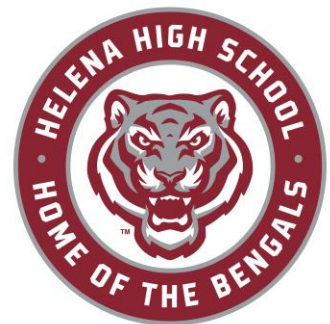
Parking Pass

- \$10.00 Pass; Ticket \$10.00
- Check out the HHS website to purchase
- Holly Banks – hbanks@helenaschools.org - contact with questions



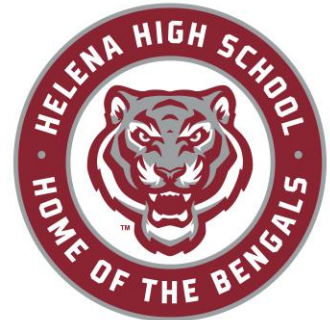
PE Information

- School Colors: Cardinal, White, Gray, Black
- T-shirts must have sleeves
- Shorts
- Locks – Locks will be handed out by school.
Responsible for lost or stolen locks.



School Supplies

- Dependent on the Classes – info given 1st couple of days
- Notebook, pen, pencil, highlighter
- Chromebook – charged
- Lock for their locker
- Need support, let us know



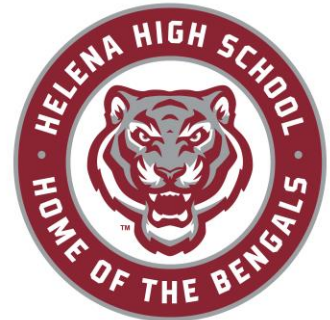
Fees

- Activity Fees (Participation Fees)
 - \$90.00 First Activity – Do not purchase an activity pass separately
 - \$60.00 2nd
 - \$60.00 3rd
 - Activity Pass – if not planning on doing any sports this year: \$30.00
- Activities Office (324-2107)
- Yearbook
 - \$65.00 by 10/1; \$75.00 by 2/1, \$85.00 after that
 - Purchaseable online –
hhs.helenaschools.org/about/yearbook
- Dana Adamson – Bookkeeper (324 – 2210)



Library Hours

- 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. M thru Th.
- 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday.
- Closes at 3:30 p.m. day before holiday break.



Questions?

- GO BENGALS!