

What's New? Week of February 25, 2008

Important Dates

[Click to view the Hoover City Schools' District Calendar for February](#)

[Click to view the Hoover City Schools' District Calendar for March](#)

March 6 - Board Work Session, 5:30 p.m.

March 10 - Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

March 13 - Town Hall Meeting, Underage Drinking and Drug Use,
Green Valley Baptist Church

March 17 - 21 - Spring Break

State Testing (ARMT and Stanford 10) begins April 1

Overcrowding at Crossroads Alternative School Forces Children Out of New Beginnings - *posted 02/25/08*

[Hoover School Controversy - CBS42 News](#)

On Wednesday, February 20, 22 students in the New Beginnings program received a letter from Assistant Superintendent Carol Barber stating that, because of overcrowding problems, these students would be sent back to their base schools on Tuesday, February 26.

We have put together a chart outlining placements in the Second Chance program at Crossroads from the 2001-2002 through the 2005-2006 school years. The 2006-2007 data is not yet available, but we will update the chart as soon as we receive the information.

[Placement of Students in the Second Chance Program - 2001 through 2005](#)

A new Code of Conduct was approved last summer. The Code states the following regarding the New Beginnings program:

"New Beginnings is a nontraditional alternative learning program designed for 6-12 grade students not experiencing school success for a variety of reasons within their traditional middle/high school settings. This program helps students receive the social/emotional support they need to achieve school success in a smaller nontraditional educational setting. The program places a strong emphasis on how to achieve excellence during times of personal adversity that will enable them to become productive, contributing citizens. In order to be accepted in New Beginnings, a student must apply and meet the criteria required in the application process. Students accepted into the New Beginnings program might request to attend Crossroads School for a semester, the remainder of the school year, or until graduation."

Hoover Board of Education Update - *posted 02/20/08*

[The Applications - February 20, The Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover School Board Seat Has 8 Applicants - February 20, The Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover School Board Member Tom Defnall Will Not Reapply for Seat - February 12, The Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover City Council Seeking Applicants for School Board Seat - January 30, The Birmingham News](#)

[Click here to read the City Council's announcement regarding the Board of Education position.](#)

HSCIN Meeting - Thursday, February 21, 8:15 a.m., Panera Bread at Patton Creek - *posted 02/19/08*

Please join us at Panera Bread at Patton Creek on Thursday, February 21, at 8:15 a.m. for our regular meeting. All are welcome. Jason Gaston, Communications Director for Hoover City Schools, will be giving us a general overview of the communications plan for our school district.

Town Hall Meeting! Underage Drinking and Drug Use - *posted 02/17/08*

The Hoover Coalition Promoting a Safe and Healthy Community and the Hoover Parent Teacher Council will host a Town Hall meeting on Underage Drinking and Drug Use on Thursday, March 13 at Green Valley Baptist Church.

This event is open to everyone---especially youth, parents, educators, community leaders, city government leaders, law enforcement, and faith-based leaders.

Presenters are:

Jay Heidecker, M.D. - pulmonologist and critical care specialist at St. Vincent's Hospital;
Sandra Heidecker - middle school teacher and Hoover Coalition member
Peter Sims, M.D. - child and adolescent psychiatrist, Providence Family Psychiatry, and
Lt. Mo Canady - Hoover Police Department

The program is as follows:

11:00 a.m. - Lunch

11:30 a.m. - Presentation

1:00 p.m. - Panel Discussion

Green Valley Baptist Church is located at 1815 Patton Chapel Road.

For more information, call 439-1825 or 439-1826. Lunch and handouts will be provided. *Reservations are not required, but would be appreciated.*

Survey Extended - Teen Driving Legislation Survey - *posted 02/12/08*

Representatives Jim McClendon and Paul DeMarco held a forum for community members in Hoover on January 14 to discuss legislation being proposed at the next Alabama legislative session, which began February 5.

The HSCIN would like to hear your thoughts on this legislation. The survey results will be given to Representative DeMarco.

This survey opportunity will be available through February 29.

[Click Here to take the survey](#)

[Support Sought for Teen Driver Proposals - January 15, The Birmingham News](#)

[Lawmakers Propose Stricter Rules on Teen Drivers - January 11, The Birmingham News](#)

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News Articles and Newsletters

Hoover News

[Candidates Named for Principal's Job - February 21, The Birmingham News](#)

[After School Tutoring Good Use of Time - February 20, The Birmingham News](#)

[New Hoover High Club Forms For Female Minority Achievers - February 20, The Birmingham News](#)

[Pupils Can Get Extra Dose of After-School Tutorial Care - February 20, The Birmingham News](#)

[Spain Park High School Student Finds Presidential Election Gives Chance to Voice Concerns, Alter History - February 20, The Birmingham News](#)

[Classroom Clips - February 20, The Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover School Board Seat Has 8 Applicants - February 20, The Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover Parents Hear Latest on Growth in System - February 20, The Birmingham News](#)

[Green Valley Elementary Students Get Booked, Sort of, For Safety's Sake - February 20, The Birmingham News](#)