

## *What's New? Week of September 24, 2007*

### **Important Dates**

September 24, HSCIN Steering Committee Meeting, 8:15 a.m., Panera Bread at Patton Creek

September 24, HSCIN Steering Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hoover Library

October 1, Called Board Meeting to Discuss Pointer Report, 6:00 p.m., Central Office

October 4, Board Work Session, 5:30 p.m., Central Office

October 8, Regular Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Central Office

*Greater Birmingham Mathematics Partnership Community Mathematics Nights:*

[September 24, Homewood Library, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Algebra and Your Child's Future](#)

[September 25, Hoover Library, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - How to Help Your Child with Math at Home](#)

[September 26, Greystone Elementary, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Mathematics and Your Child's Future: The Basics and Beyond](#)

[September 27, Chelsea Middle School, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Multiplication: Will Children Know Their Basic Facts?](#)

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

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## **October 1 Called Meeting to Discuss the Pointer Report -**

*posted 09/21/07*

The Hoover School Board will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 1, to discuss the report that Judge Pointer's firm gave to them on September 7.

[See Jon Anderson's Blog for more information.](#)

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## **HSCIN Meeting - Monday, September 24, 8:15 a.m. at Panera Bread and 7:00 p.m. at the Hoover Library-**

*posted 09/24/07*

The HSCIN will meet on Monday, September 24, at 8:15 a.m. at Panera Bread in Patton Creek Shopping Center. We have added an additional meeting time of 7:00 p.m. at the Hoover Library in the Non-Fiction Study Room.

All are welcome to attend. These are informal gatherings to discuss issues facing the Hoover School Community.

[Click here for a Draft Agenda.](#)

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## **[Adults Most Common Source of Alcohol for Teens Aged 13-18](#)** - *posted 09/22/07*

The American Medical Association (AMA) released the results of two nationwide polls that reveal how underage youth obtain alcohol, as well as how easily and often. The polls also show parental opinions and behaviors about providing alcohol to teenagers and perceptions on how youth acquire alcohol.

- Nearly one in four teens, aged 13-18, and one in three girls, aged 16-18, say their own parents have supplied them with alcohol, and teens who have obtained alcohol reported that in the past six months, parents were the suppliers three times on average.
- One out of four parents of children, aged 12-20 (25%), say they have allowed their teens to drink with their supervision in the past six months. Approximately one in 12 (8%) indicated they have allowed their teen's friends to also drink under their supervision in the past six months.
- While only eight percent of parents of children aged 12-20 indicated that they allowed their teen and his/her friends to drink with supervision in the past six months, 21% of teens attended a party where the alcohol was provided by someone else's parents. And 27% of teens attended a party where youth were drinking with parents present. This discrepancy suggests parents are unaware that other parents are allowing their own children to drink.

The old recommendation of making sure there are parents present before you let your children attend a party may need some adaptation based on the information released in this survey. Not only do you need to make sure parents are present, but it's a good idea to know those parents and be assured that they will not provide alcohol at parties held in their home. Our local PRIDE drug prevalence survey, administered to students in Hoover City Schools, revealed that 47.2% of high school students report getting alcohol from their home of a friend's home.

This information was provided by the [Hoover Coalition Promoting a Safe and Healthy Community](#), (205) 439-1826.

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## **[2007-2008 Salary Schedule](#)** - *posted 09/21/07*

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## **[Alabama Best Practices Center's Website](#)** - *posted 09/22/07*

Take some time to look through the A+ Education Foundation's Best Practices Center's website. This is the digital version of Working Toward Excellence, the Alabama Best Practices Center's journal.

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## [Think Before You Post](#) - *posted 09/22/07*

This website is part of a national campaign (<http://www.cybertipline.com/>) to protect young people from sexual exploitation.

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## [Hoover High Investigation Update](#)

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### News Articles and Newsletters

#### Hoover News

[Hoover Board Sets Date to Deal with Report - September 22, Birmingham News](#)

[One of Alabama's Top Teachers Will Go Extra Miles to Inspire Students by Running New York City Marathon - September 22, Birmingham News](#)

[Chairman Ready to Talk About Probe - September 19, Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover 2008 City Budget Proposal - September 19, Birmingham News](#)

[Councilman Right to Address Issue of Morality in Education - Sound Off - September 19, Birmingham News](#)

[Birmingham, Hoover Area One of U.S. Strongest, September 19, Birmingham News](#)

[River Advocates Favor Signature Homes Plan - September 19, Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover ACT Scores Beat Averages Again - September 19, Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover High Boasts 14 National Merit Semifinalists - September 19, Birmingham News](#)

[Loosening Dress Code Rule a Big Hit with Students - September 19, Birmingham News](#)

[Spain Park High Gets Set for Homecoming Week - September 19, Birmingham News](#)

[Classroom Clips - September 19, Birmingham News](#)