

COMMUNITY NEWS



In April of 2022, HSD students will take state tests. From increasing student confidence and attracting college recruiters to increasing property values and attracting new businesses, high test scores benefit the entire community. With that in mind, HSD is asking all stakeholders to get involved. Something as simple as telling children you see in the community to have a great day at school or asking them what they learned in class can be impactful.

You can also help students increase test scores by:

- ✓ Spending time with students working on math and reading activities.
- ✓ Encouraging students to attend school each day and achieve at high levels.

For more information on the impact of high test scores or how you can help students Be the Best on the Test, visit www.hazelwoodschools.org.

Boys basketball notebook: Francis Howell relishes rare home games; Breese Central topples top-ranked Nashville



No. 5 seed Hazelwood Central (7-7) rolled to a 55-26 win behind a smothering defensive effort. Senior guard Trevin Williams had a game-high 20 points along with seven rebounds and four steals for the Hawks.

No. 6 seed Lafayette (10-5) took out No. 3 seed Liberty 68-51 as three Lancers scored in double figures. Senior guard Matt Jones led the way with 28 points.

The semifinals will pit rivals against one another as No. 4 large school De Smet (11-5) faces Hazelwood Central at 7 p.m. Wednesday. It will be the third consecutive time the Spartans and Hawks will face one another at the Parkway West Showdown. Though it's the first time they haven't met in the championship game. De Smet won the previous two times.

No. 7 large school Parkway West (15-1) ended a five-game losing streak to Lafayette last season. Since 2004 Lafayette has dominated Parkway West by winning nine of the previous 11 meetings. The Longhorns haven't won consecutive games against the Lancers since they took four in a row between 2001 and 2004.

The championship game is set for 8:30 p.m. Friday at Parkway West.