

Moments at the Middle School

From Dr. Lux and Mr. Rice

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Dear HMS Families,

Our students had such a wonderful day today! We had welcome crews in the front and back of the school greeting our students. They were all smiles! :)



We had such a positive and uplifting day, including team building exercises with Coach Dave Gray on Fridley Field and also ending with a motivational speech from him. He emphasized the importance of treating others with the “MVP model” and being empathetic and kind to one another. Below are some pictures:





We plan to use the first week of school to establish new routines and ensure our 6th grade students and new students feel comfortable and supported. Please reiterate that to your students this week. Our teachers will be intentionally easing into the school year to focus on establishing meaningful relationships.

HMS Musical - Details below!!

The HMS Musical is going to start soon, and we are excited to announce that this year's pick is "Newsies." Signups for the musical are underway and here's a link to the HMS Musical's website; informational papers are found outside Mr. Shumaker's room -- G701. The deadline for signing up for an audition is September 1st by 3 pm.

Any questions, please reach out to Mr. Shumaker: shumaker@ht-sd.org
<https://sites.google.com/view/hmsdrama/home>

HMS Daily Announcements

Besides our Weekly Principal Email on Mondays (today is a special edition!), you can also view the HMS Daily Announcements. The HMS Daily Announcements include all of the details that we share with students on the Talbot TV in the morning, such as upcoming club meetings.

Please follow the steps below to view the HMS Daily Announcements:

- Go to www.ht-sd.org
- Click on Schools
- Click on Hampton Middle School
- Scroll to the bottom of the main page and you will see the HMS Daily Announcements

How do I access my student's Daily Learning Plan?

Each day, your child's teachers will be uploading the Learning Plan which includes the classroom activities from the day and any pertinent homework assignments for the evening. The Learning Plan should be posted each day by 3 pm. There are two ways for you to access the Learning Plan:

1. **On your child's Google Classroom.**

The Learning Plan will be on the "stream" and also under the "Materials" tab. However, only students are able to access Google Classroom, which is why we are also including the Learning Plan in Homework Hotlinks (next bullet).

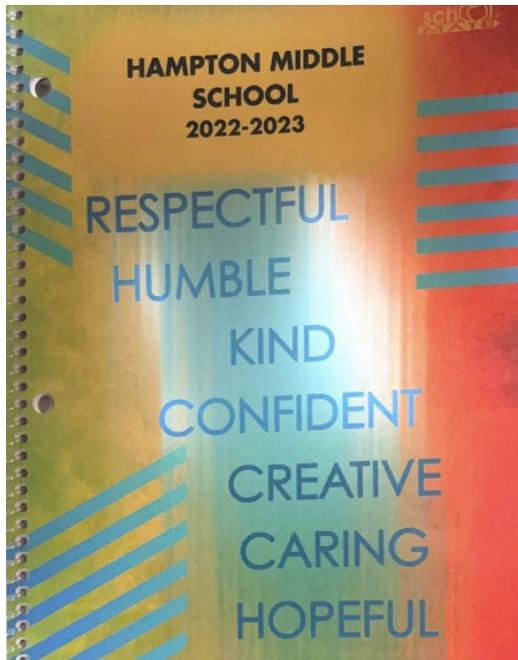
2. **Via Homework Hotlink**

Homework Hotlinks is located on the middle school page of the district website. Go to ht-sd.org and click on the following prompts: Schools → Hampton Middle School → About → Homework Hotlinks. Choose your child's team from the list. That will take you to a calendar where you will choose the correct date and access your child's learning plan! There is a link to your child's interdisciplinary team (Gold, Blue, Explorers, Challengers, Lewis, and Clark). There is also a link to the Learning Plan for Music, PE, and Rotation classes. Below is a screenshot of the *Explorer Team Learning Plan* below.

TUESDAY Home	ENGLISH Today's Concepts/Skills: Welcome to English Class! <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome to Explorer English! <input type="checkbox"/> You'll share something interesting about anything and find your seat. Homework: <input type="checkbox"/> None	HISTORY Today's Concepts/Skills: Welcome to McJannet/World History <input type="checkbox"/> Introduction to course and teacher Homework: <input type="checkbox"/> Please cover your textbook	ALGEBRA 1 Period 1 Today's Concepts/Skills: Welcome to Algebra <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome back to school! Homework: <input type="checkbox"/> None.
	SCIENCE Today's Concepts/Skills: The Nature of Science <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome to Explorer Science! <input type="checkbox"/> Join the Explorer Science Google Classroom <input type="checkbox"/> Go to Google Classroom - Classwork <input type="checkbox"/> 8/26/2021: Explorer Science Information and Student Survey <input type="checkbox"/> Read the documents - make sure your parents read them too! <input type="checkbox"/> Take the Student Survey (Google Form) <input type="checkbox"/> Have a parent or guardian sign and complete the signature form Homework: <input type="checkbox"/> Complete the online student survey and return to the signature form by Monday 8/30	READING Today's Concepts/Skills: Welcome <input type="checkbox"/> See me for your seat! <input type="checkbox"/> Began Hexagon activity Homework: <input type="checkbox"/> None	PRE-ALG Periods 4, 6, and 7 Today's Concepts/Skills: Welcome to Pre-Algebra <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome back to school! Homework: <input type="checkbox"/> None.
	Explorer News: → Return school forms to your homeroom teacher! Field trip forms are due by Friday, Sept 3rd.		PRE-ALG Period 5 Today's Concepts/Skills: Welcome to Pre-Algebra <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome back to school! Homework: <input type="checkbox"/> None.

How should I help my middle school students with Homework?

We encourage you to ask each day to see your child's agenda book. The students should write down their homework assignments in their agenda book. It would be a great idea to ask to see the agenda book and check to ensure their work is completed. The online Learning Plan is also a very helpful tool! A picture of the agenda book is below:



Parent Drop-off and Pick-up Updates

Thank you for your patience with our parent drop-off and pick-up procedures. Please note the reminders below:

- In the morning, our doors are open between **7:25 and 7:45 am**. We are not able to open our doors until 7:25 am, since we need all of our teachers positioned in homerooms ready to welcome our students. Please do not drop off your child prior to 7:25 am.
- Drop-off will occur in the back of our building, our cafeteria entrance (door #11).
- We will have staff members positioned outside to welcome our students and ensure student safety. We ask that you pull up into designated drop-off spots. Please do not get out of your vehicle.
- Please do not drop your child off outside of the designated drop-off zone for safety reasons and also to keep the line of cars moving.
- **Student pick-up at the end of the day will happen at the same place (door #11) starting around 2:45 pm. All students should be picked up by 2:55 pm.** Buses will load between 2:40 and 2:45 pm, and the HMS Campus will be closed to vehicles during that time. We appreciate your patience as we refine our new protocols.
- **If you are picking up your child, please have a piece of paper ready to hold up to Mr. Lagnese with your child's name on it.**
- If your child attends any after school clubs this year, please note the clubs run from 2:45 to 3:45 pm each day. Parent pick-up for clubs is in the front parking lot of the school.

Upcoming Reminders for Sept:

- **No School, Labor Day** – Monday, September 5th
- **Advisory** – Wednesday, September 7th
- **7th Grade Hearing Screenings** - Wednesday, September 7th
- **7th Grade Hearing Screening** - Wednesday, September 8th
- **Challenger Team Field Trip (Camp Guyasuta)** - Thursday, September 8th (more info to follow from teachers)
- **Explorer Team Field Trip (Camp Guyasuta)** - Friday, September 9th (more info to follow from teachers)

- **HMS Dance** (sponsored by Student Council) - Friday, September 9th
- **Student Photo Day** - Monday, September 12th
- **Open House** – Thursday, September 15th
- **Spirit Week** - Monday, September 19th through Friday, September 23rd
- **Pep Rally** - Thursday, September 22nd
- **Talbot Tailgate** - Friday, September 23rd
- **Advisory** - Wednesday, September 28th

Have a great day!
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