

Moments at the Middle School

From Dr. Lux and Mr. Rice

September 1, 2022

Dear HMS Families,

We have truly had an amazing first week of school at HMS! It is so refreshing to get the students back to more of a normal routine! They are learning to use their lockers again and enjoying social time with their friends at lunch. Some of these routines were changed during the pandemic, and we are very grateful to get back to the normal processes and procedures for our middle school students.

NEW – Reality Fair at HMS!!

We are excited to announce a new experience for our 8th grade students! Throughout their time in the Career Awareness rotation, students will research careers, choose a career(s) of interest, and interview for a position. After completing the 7-week Career Awareness rotation course, students will participate in a ***Reality Fair***. The students will rotate through a series of booths, such as transportation, housing, and entertainment to strategically decide how to spend and save their earnings. We are partnering with the Clearview Federal Credit Union to make this opportunity possible. The Credit Union will be sending financial advisors to our reality fair to meet with our students following the experience.

Please consider signing up to help with the event by clicking on the link in the attached letter!

Open House at HMS ~ Thursday, September 15th at 6 pm

We are excited to welcome you to our annual Open House on Thursday, September 15th at 6 pm. We are looking forward to welcoming parents to this important event. You will have the opportunity to experience your child's middle school day by following his or her bell schedule. More details to follow next week!

DATE CHANGE ~ Student Council Dance ~ Friday, September 16th

Our HMS Student Council is currently planning a dance for all of our middle school students on Friday, September 16th from 6 to 8 pm. We had to change the date from 9/9 to 9/16 due to a conflict. Please make a note of this date change! More details to follow soon!

School Bus Seating Assignments

Today in Homeroom, our students received an assigned bus seat for the school bus. As a rule of thumb, we strive to seat 6th grade students in the front, 7th grade in the middle of the bus, and 8th grade students in the back. These bus cards were printed on card stock; students will be asked to store their cards in a safe place so that they do not forget where they sit. Please see an example card below. Students will be asked to sit in their assigned seats moving forward. This procedure helps us tremendously with behavior management. If you or your child have any concerns about the assigned seating arrangement, please reach out to your child's school counselor.

HMS Student Bus Card 2021-2022

AM Bus #: C AM Seat #: 11

PM Bus #: C PM Seat #: 11

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Lunch Seats

Today, we asked our students to document their lunch seats which will remain in place for the first 9 weeks. Our students had an entire week to find a friend(s) to sit with at lunch; we have been present and vigilant to ensure all of our students feel comfortable and happy in our lunchroom. We have many adults in the lunchroom to assist our students with that challenging process, especially for our 6th graders. Please note that if for any reason your child is feeling unhappy with his or her lunch seat, he or she should go to the school counseling office and request a seat change. We are always happy to work with our students if there is an issue or unique request! We completely understand that issues or concerns may arise, and we will work with individual students to solve problems.

Cell Phones

As we shared last week, cell phones are to be turned off and out of sight during school hours - from the time they enter the school building until the dismissal bell at the end of the day. We believe our students need to learn how to communicate with one another and develop their interpersonal skills during the school day. Cell phones prove to be a large distraction to our students and also potentially invite cyberbullying into the school day. Please remind your students of this rule, since we will be following our code of conduct for any cell phone infractions.

HMS PTO Spirit Wear Sale

The HMS PTO Spirit Wear Store is now open for our Fall Sale. The sale will run from September 1st through September 22nd. We have all new logos and gear this year! The sale runs through October 1st and all items will be delivered by mid-October. There will be an option to pick-up or all items can be sent home with your HMS student. Proceeds go to HMS PTO to further support our middle school students through grants and other educational enhancement opportunities. Please see the attached flyer with a link to order all of the available spirit wear! If you have any questions or concerns, contact information is located in the flyer.

Homework Club

Homework Club will begin on Monday, September 12th. If your child would benefit from receiving a teacher's help with his or her assignments, then Homework Club may definitely help! Homework Club will run 4 days per week: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 2:45 to 3:45 pm; students will meet in our library after school. We will have two certified teachers available to assist the students with their assignments. Any in-person attendee will need transportation home at 3:45 pm; the students will be picked up from the front of our building.

Math Lab

Math Lab will begin on Monday, September 12th.

- Does your child need help with a math problem?
- Does your child need help completing his or her math homework?
- Does your child need help studying for an upcoming math quiz or test?

If you answered yes to any of the questions above, then the HMS math lab is the place for your student to get some help from one of our certified math teachers! Math Lab will run 4 days per week: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 2:45 to 3:45 pm; students will meet in D403, the Math Lab.

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)
- **7th & 8th Grade Band Night with the HHS Marching Band** - Friday, September 9th
- **Student Photo Day** - Monday, September 12th
- **Open House** – Thursday, September 15th at 6 pm
- **HMS Dance** (sponsored by Student Council) - Friday, September 16th
- **Spirit Week** - Monday, September 19th through Friday, September 23rd
- **Pep Rally** - Thursday, September 22nd
- **Talbot Tailgate** - Friday, September 23rd
- **Advisory** - Wednesday, September 28th

Club Meetings for Sept (more to follow next week):

- **Student Council Meeting** – Thursday, September 1st in room G704 with Mrs. Palmer
- **Odyssey of the Mind** - kickoff event on Wednesday, September 7th at 6:30 pm in the HMS Auditorium
- **Cross Country Club (6th grade)** - Thursday, September 8th - first meeting - please pick up an information packet in Mr. Belitz's room (F605) or Ms. Davis's room (F602).
- **Homework Club** - begins Monday, September 12th, M-Th, 2:45-3:45 pm
- **Yearbook Club** - Tuesday, September 13th in room G703 with Mrs. Bentz
- **Math Lab** - begins Monday, September 12th, M-Th, 2:45-3:45 pm