

HMS Parent Newsletter

January 13, 2023

A Note from the Principals

HMS Families:

It has been a joy to welcome our HMS students back to campus! We hope that Winter Break was relaxing and joyful for you all.

This week and next, HMS students are participating in iReady testing in their ELA and Math classes. The iReady assessment will measure your child's growth in each subject area since the fall assessment and will provide teachers with key information about each student's progress. We are excited to see how each student has grown this year!

We are also nearing the end of the first semester. Please encourage your child to check their grades on Schoology and to check in with their teachers, if support is needed. In HomeBase, students have been meeting with their teacher to check grades and set goals for the remainder of the term. We are currently working to finalize class schedules for all students for semester 2. Please see the additional information on student schedules below.

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing HMS at upcoming regional band events:

LCRMEA Honor Band (honor band from all SW WA Middle Schools)

Ares O., Nyah G., and Gage B.

North County Honor Band

Ares O., Gage B., Nyah G., Victoria N., Isabella O., Elizabet O., Cruz G., Dean L., Lauren I., Oliver A., Tyler B., Connor F., Parker L., Bear R., Brenden W., and Grant H.

We have several exciting activities coming up for HMS students.

Boys Basketball

Tryout for Boys Basketball begin on January 23. Per WIAA and Greater St. Helens League guidelines, Boys Basketball is open to students in grades 7 - 8. Interested students should sign up in Family ID

(information below).

Knowledge Bowl

Students in grades 6-8 who are interested in participating in a competitive trivia league are encouraged to sign up for Knowledge Bowl. Practices will be held after school on Tuesdays and competitions will be held Thursdays. Students can sign up in the HMS Office. Ms. Broten and Ms. Shinn can answer any questions about Knowledge Bowl participation.

Math Counts

Students in grades 6-8 who want to show off their math skills can now sign up for Math Counts. The Math Counts competition will take place on February 25 at Clark College. Interested students can sign up using the Google Form provided by their math teacher. Mrs. Lyons can answer any questions.

Green Team / Recycling and Composting Helpers

HMS is starting a composting and recycling program in our school cafeteria. This program will reduce food waste and lower costs for trash services at HMS and is the same program used at HHES. Students interested in helping with this program can sign up on the clipboard in the HMS office.

Tonight is our PWT Volleyball-a-thon. We have 12 student teams and 1 staff team who will play in a volleyball tournament this evening. Good luck to all of our participants. Please note the Harlem Wizards game (previously scheduled for 1/17) has been moved to a later date due to a scheduling conflict.

As a reminder, there is no school on Monday as we observe the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday. We look forward to seeing our students on Tuesday!

Thank you for your support!

~ Meredith and Caleb

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Semester 2 Student Schedules

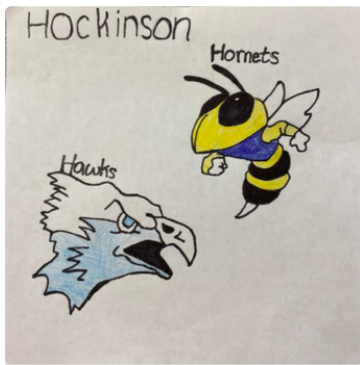
We are currently in the process of finalizing student schedules for semester 2. At this time, schedules are still being adjusted. Your student will receive a copy of their finalized semester 2 schedule in Homebase the week of January 23.

When we create student schedules, there are many factors we must consider. These include student forecasting, class size, balance of students, and the availability of courses in our master schedule. Creating schedules for nearly 500 learners is a complex process. We have made every effort to create student schedules that honor our student's preferences from their forecasting.

Because of the complex nature of scheduling, we are unable to accommodate requests for schedule changes except in the following circumstances:

- Student is missing a core class or graduation requirement
- Student is registered for duplicate classes
- Student does not meet the prerequisite requirements for the course (e.g. placed into French 2, without having taken French 1)

Please see the [Hockinson School District class change policy](#) for additional information.



Yearbooks

Yearbooks are currently on sale for \$30. The final day to purchase a yearbook is February 25, 2023.

Buy your yearbook now! Purchase yearbooks in the office or online at <https://www.hocksd.org> (quick links - payments)



Boys' Basketball

Registration is now open for Boys Basketball. HMS Sports are open to students in grades 7- 8. In order for athletes to be eligible for sports, students must meet the following criteria before they can be cleared to tryout/participate:

- Registration on Family ID website (click Register Now link below)
- Current sports physical uploaded to Registration (physician signature required) [click here for form](#)
- Proof of medical insurance-Insurance may be purchased [here](#)
- Scholastic and WIAA eligibility (see athletic handbook- read current handbook and sign on Family ID)
- Sport Fee and ASB Paid (For cut sports- wait to make **payment** until team selections)
- All past due fines must be paid to participate
- Pay for your participation fee or outstanding fees by [clicking here](#)

Registration is open until December 14. Students must have completed paperwork by this date in order to try out. Tryouts will be held the week of Jan. 3-6.

You can find more information and register [here](#).

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PWT

Connect with our PWT, learn more about volunteer opportunities and upcoming events, or make a PWT donation at:

<https://hockinsonpwt.ptboard.com/home>

Upcoming Events

January 9 - 20: iReady Testing in Math and ELA classes

January 13: Volleyball-a-thon - 6 p.m. - 12 a.m.

January 13: Temperance and Good Citizenship Day

January 16: No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 21 - 22: LCRMEA Honor Band

January 23 - 26: Boys Basketball Tryouts

January 26: End of Semester 1

January 26: Clark County Jazz Band Festival

January 27: No School - Semester Break

January 30 - February 10: ASB Carnation Sale

February 1: First Day of Black History Month

February 3: Report Cards Sent Home

February 3 -4: North County Honor Band

February 6 - 10: School Counselors' Week - Thank you Nicole and Nick!

February 15: Final Day to Purchase a 22-23 Yearbook

February 20: No School - Presidents' Day

February 25: Math Counts Competition


February 28: Wetlands Field Trip - Grade 6

March 1: First Day of Women's History Month




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