

HMS Parent Newsletter

APRIL 22, 2022

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

HMS Families:

This week, we had our first school-wide assembly of the school year. It was a treat to hear our 8th grade band students play alongside the Vancouver Pops Orchestra. Thank you to our amazing band teacher, Jennifer Ritenburgh, for coordinating this event for our school. Our next school-wide assembly will be a Pep Assembly on May 6.

We are excited for our upcoming Color Run on April 29th. This PWT and ASB sponsored event is raising money for our ASB (who sponsors school socials, pep assemblies, and supports clubs and athletic teams) and for school spirit shirts for our incoming sixth graders and new students. If you would like to participate in the fundraiser, your student can sign up for a fundraising account at mybooster.com. Fundraising is not required, but is appreciated. On April 29th, all students will participate in the Color Run during the afternoon. Students will run / walk 1 mile and will there will be several stations set up where colored powder will be sprinkled on the student runners. All students will receive a Color Run shirt to wear on the run day.

As a reminder, Smarter Balanced testing for HMS students begins on May 9. The test results will be used by our staff to help plan for instruction, identify areas of strength and those where improvement is needed, and to differentiate instruction to meet the individual needs of students. We want to encourage all students to do their best on their upcoming assessments. Please encourage your child to get plenty of rest and to arrive at school on time during the testing window. Our test dates are below:

English Language Arts testing: week of May 9 - 13

Math testing: May 16 - 18

Science Testing (regular schedule - 8th grade only): May 19 - 20

Thank you for your ongoing support of the students and staff of HMS! We are all grateful to be a part of this amazing community!

~ Meredith

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VANCOUVER POPS ASSEMBLY

Vancouver Pops and HMS 8th Grade Band Performance



SPIRIT WEEK

Our next school spirit week is April 25 - 29. We hope to see your student dressed up and showing their Hornet pride.

Monday, April 25: Sports Day

Tuesday, April 26: Neon / Tie Dye Day

Wednesday, April 27: Black Out Day

Thursday, April 28: Tacky Tourist Day

Friday, April 29: Color Run Shirt Day (Color run shirts will be provided for all HMS students thanks to PWT and our shirt sponsors.)



HMS AWARD WINNERS

Please join me in congratulating our HMS Award winners for March. These students have consistently demonstrated **H**onorable, **M**otivated, and **S**afe and Secure behavior and were selected for this award by one of their teachers. Great work, Hornets!

March Award Winners

Sydney A., Graysen A., Olivia A., Hunter Bl., Hunter Br., Kate B., Oliver C, Heidi D., Ellie D., Teanna E., Ace E., Ryder H., Carter J., Halle J., Quinby J., Kyla K., Dean L., Sydney L., Elsie L., Lucy L., ava N., Deeken N., Elizabet O., Savanna O., Haven P., Tennessen P., Hudson R., Lars S., Jameson S., Rocco S., Jayden S., Jackson S., Aleah S., Raleigh T., and Malialani V.

CLASS OF 2026 SPIRIT WEAR



2026 Flyer.pdf

Class of 2026 Spirit Wear Information - Orders Due May 1

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SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION 2022

On May 25-27, HMS students will participate in sexual health education instruction. This year, instruction will focus solely on HIV/AIDS content from the newly adopted G-W Essential Health Skills textbook.

To review this curriculum online, click the link below. Be sure to look at the materials under your child's grade level. These online materials will be available until May 31st, 2022.

If you choose to opt your student out of the HIV/AIDS instruction, please fill out the middle school opt-out waiver. These students will receive an alternate assignment from their science or health teacher and will be supervised in a different location. A new waiver will need to be filled out each year.

<https://www.hocksd.org/Content2/cshe-information>

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 25 - 29: Spirit Week

April 26: Special Election - Please Remember to Vote!

April 27: Administrative Professionals' Day

April 28: School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

April 29: HMS Color Run

May 1: Class of 2026 Spirit Wear Orders Due

May 2 - 6: Lunchtime Activities Fair for 8th Grade

May 2 - 6: Teacher Appreciation Week

May 3: Progress Reports - Term 5

May 6: Schoolwide Pep Assembly - AM Assembly Schedule

May 7: School Lunch Hero Day

May 9 - 20: SBA Testing - Extended HB Schedule

May 10: School Nurse Appreciation Day

May 16: Incoming Sixth Grade Parent Information Night

May 25 - 27: HIV / AIDS Instruction

May 30: Memorial Day Holiday - No School

June 1: 8th Graders Visit HHS



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