

HMS Parent Newsletter

MARCH 11, 2022

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

HMS Families:

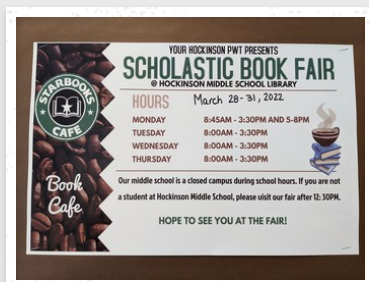
As you know, starting Monday, HMS students will no longer be required to wear masks at school. We are continuing to follow guidance from the Department of Health and Clark County Public Health and are using layered mitigation strategies to keep students safe. Additional details about the school and district safety plans can be found in [this message](#) from Mr. Marshall. There will be a few additional changes at HMS due to the updates in statewide guidance. First, next week, we will have a series of lessons in our Homebase classes about respecting the choices of others regarding mask-wearing. We know that some students and staff will choose to continue mask-wearing and that others will not. We want to ensure that all students are respectful members of our school community. Second, we will have some changes to our lunchrooms. We will continue to have lunch served in the main cafeteria and will open up outside space, under a covered area, for students who need or wish to maintain physical distancing. Finally, we will be able to open up the drinking fountains on campus for student use.

This week, teachers sent out invitations for parents to sign up for Spring parent-teacher conference times. All conferences will be held virtually, via Zoom, and will be scheduled in 10 minute time slots. Please feel free to sign up for a conference time with any teacher with whom you'd like to discuss your student's progress. If you are unable to make it to Spring conferences, please email your child's teacher if you'd like to check in. We look forward to discussing your student's academic progress with you!

This Spring, HMS will host several PWT-sponsored events including a book fair and Color Run. Information on Book Fair hours can be found below.

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



PWT BOOK FAIR

Our PWT sponsored Book Fair will be at HMS March 28 - 31. The book fair will be open for students purchases before school (8 - 8:45 a.m.) Tuesday, March 29, Wednesday, March 30, and Thursday, March 31. The book Fair will be open for HHES and HMS families between 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. daily and from 5 - 8 p.m. on Monday, March 28. We hope that you are able to stop by.

Thank you to our PWT for coordinating this event and providing new books for our classrooms and library!



HMS BAND SPRING CONCERT

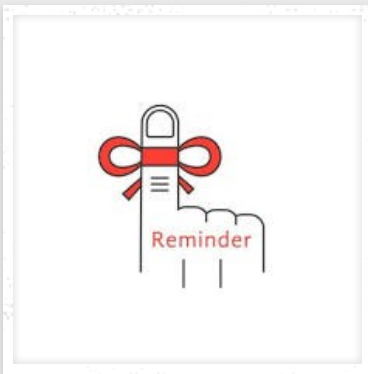
Yesterday our sixth, seventh, eighth, and Jazz bands performed their Spring concert. You can check out the performance [here](#). Great work band students, and thank you to Ms. Ritenburgh!



TRACK AND FIELD

Registration is now open for track at HMS. If your 7th or 8th grade student is interested in participating, you can register using the link below. A complete practice and meet schedule is coming soon. Practices will begin on March 28. Go Hornets!

<https://www.familyid.com/organiza.../hockinson-middle-school>



PARENT PICK UP / PARKING AT HMS

We want to make sure that all students and staff get home safely at the end of each school day. Recently, we have had cars parking in the entrance to the staff parking lot (by the mechanical gate) and this has created an unsafe situation where staff are unable to leave and / or are unable to make a safe turn out of the staff parking lot due to cars parked by the side of the road. If you are picking up your student from HMS, please feel free to drive into the school using the main driveway or park at the community center or community center gym and have your student walk to meet you. Thank you!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 15: School Board Visit to HMS
- March 15: Progress Reports Available on Skyward
- March 28 - 31: PWT Book Fair at HMS
- March 28 - 31: Parent-Teacher Conferences
- March 28: Track Practices Begin
- April 4 - 8: Spring Break
- April 16: School Librarians' Day
- April 18: Tax Day
- April 19: Vancouver Pops and 8th Grade Band
- April 26: Special Election - Please Remember to Vote!
- April 27: Administrative Professionals' Day
- April 28: School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- April 25 - 29: Spirit Week
- April 29: HMS Color Run
- May 3: Progress Reports - Term 5
- May 9 - 20: SBA Testing



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