

HMS Parent Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

HMS Families:

Thank you parents and families for all of your hard work supporting our students at the start of the school year. I know that balancing work, family, and school is a huge undertaking and I am grateful for you! Your partnership with the HMS staff will help make this year a great one for our students. As you may have seen on our [Facebook page](#), classes have been creating human graphs, playing music outdoors, creating maps, and tackling challenging reading assignments.

We would like to ask for your help in reminding all students to bring a water bottle with them to school each day. Due to COVID protocols, our drinking fountains are closed. Students do have access to the water bottle filling stations throughout campus and can refill their water bottles as needed. If you family cannot afford a reusable water bottle, please contact our school office and we will provide one for your child.

Finally, today is Constitution Day. As required by RCW 28A.230.170, in their social studies classes today, HMS students learned about the history and significance of the US Constitution and how this living document impacts our lives today. You can check out some pictures of students learning about the Constitution below.

Our office staff is here to help you with any questions or concerns. Please give us a call at 360-448-6440 if we can be of help.

Thank you for your support!

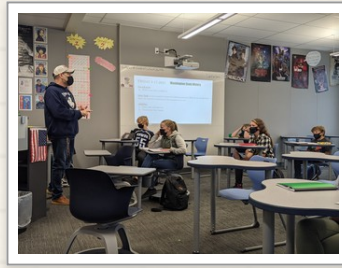
~ Meredith

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CONSTITUTION DAY



8TH GRADE



7TH GRADE



6TH GRADE



PICK UP REMINDER

When picking up your student at HMS, please help us to keep our campus safe by keeping younger children in the car with you. Our campus is a closed campus and we have had younger children trying to access classes through outside doors. We have also had young children climbing the hills on campus. This is not safe as we do not have supervision for siblings before dismissal. Thank you for your help!



FALL STATE TESTING

All 6, 7, and 8 grade students will be taking State Assessments in their math and ELA classes. Math testing will be on October 11 and 12 and ELA testing will be on October 4 and 5. Sixth grade students will also take the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science in their science class on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.

To help every child succeed, please remind your child to come to school with their Chromebook charged and remind them to get plenty of rest.

If your child is attending HMS as a part of the Hockinson Virtual Academy, your child is invited to participate in testing at school. Mr. Millay, HVA director will be reaching out to you to schedule testing.

DO choose masks that



Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric



Completely cover your nose and mouth



Fit snugly against the sides of your face and don't have gaps



Have a nose wire to prevent air from leaking out of the top of the mask

DO NOT choose masks that



Are made of fabric that makes it hard to breathe, for example, vinyl



Have exhalation valves or vents which allow virus particles to escape



Are prioritized for healthcare workers, including N95 respirators



SCHOOL SAFETY UPDATE

Thank you for your help in keeping kids safe during the school day! One way we keep our school environment safe is by wearing masks. **Please take a moment to remind your HMS student(s) to wear their mask so that it completely covers their mouth and nose.** We will continue to hold classes outdoors, when possible, and to provide mask breaks to give students a chance to be mask-free in a safe way. Additional guidance on safe mask-wearing can be found in the graphic above. As a reminder, gaiters are not allowed unless worn over a mask.

To keep families and staff current with COVID-19 infection rates in our schools, the HSD updates a [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) on a daily basis. Click on the link below to view our district's updated dashboard:

[HSD COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

The dashboard is a spreadsheet that consists of four pages:

1. District Totals
2. HHES Daily Tracker
3. HMS Daily Tracker
4. HHS Daily Tracker

If you have any questions about our safety plans, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Our HSD COVID Safety Manager, Caleb Millay, can be reached at 360-448-6440.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 30 - October 1: Grade 6 WCAS Testing (in science class)
October 4-5: Grade 6-8 ELA Testing (in English class)
October 8: No School - Statewide Teacher In-Service Day
October 11 -12: Grade 6-8 Math Testing (in Math class)
October 25 - 29: Parent-Teacher Conferences - 3 Hour Early Release
November 11: Veterans Day - No School
November 24 - 26: Thanksgiving Holiday - No School



Starting Next Week!

**2nd to 8th Girls
Rugby Practices**



Come out to our first 2 practices and try it out:

Wednesday Sept. 15th from 4:45pm to 6:00pm

Saturday Sept. 18th from 9:15am to 10:30am

Location: Hockinson Heights Elementary - Practice Field 2

If you like what you see at practice register at:
www.girlsrugbyinc.com/oregon

More about the Girls Rugby LEADERS Program:
www.girlsrugbyinc.com/what-we-do
Email the coach: coach@chinookrugby.com

Practices will be fun skills & games based on our
One & Only Primary Goal:

Have Fun, at practice and on game day

BSA TROOP 359

Interested in outdoor activities like camping, hiking, biking, backpacking, building snow caves, and canoeing? Get outside and learn essential life skills, how to build campfires, cook in the outdoors, and how to be a leader. Boy Scout Troop 359 here in Hockinson is your route to these adventures. Troop 359 will pay your first year dues when you join the troop, so come, try it out, and join in the fun. For more information, please reach out to Scoutmaster Bruce Haunreiter at bruce@hhpr.com, visit our Facebook page: Troop 359 or call / text our committee chair 360-606-1414



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