

# HMS Parent Newsletter

OCTOBER 8, 2021

## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

HMS Families:

We are proud to announce the students who received an HMS award for the month of September. These students were selected by one of their teachers for consistently demonstrating **H**onorable, **M**otivated, and **S**afe and Secure behavior at school. Please join me in congratulating the following students:

**Danna T., Mathew H., Maddilynn T., Reyna B., Hunter D., Cora R., Liana N., Issy C., Isabella O., Brody S., Ryan W., Mia H., Presley E., Robby P., Kaia B., Gavin J., Marco S., Ethan I., Everett G., Zamiara T., Ryker S., Haven P., Nathan R., Heidi D., Savannah O., Malialani V., Angell M., Zeiah G., Evelyn N., Camille F., Kate J., Evan B., Brody G., and Lucas W.**

We look forward to sharing the names of our HMS award winners with you monthly and to celebrating our semester-long student awards in January. Great work Hornet students!

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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## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-teacher conferences will be held during the week of October 25 - 29. During parent-teacher conference week (Oct. 25-29), students will be dismissed each day at 12:20 p.m. We will run 25 minute classes using our [3-hour early release schedule](#).

**Due to the limited time we have for conferences, our teaching staff will be scheduling conferences on an as needed basis.** If your child's teacher team has selected your child for a conference, our office staff will contact you to schedule a time. Conferences will be held via Zoom and the lead teacher will send Zoom links out to families with a scheduled time during the week prior to conferences.

We know that communication with families about student learning is important, so if your child is not selected for a formal fall conference with the teaching team, we encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher(s) directly. Our staff would be happy to answer any questions that you may have and to share more about your child's progress so far this school year.



## BAND CONCERT

We will have our first HMS Band Concert of the school year on October 21 at 7 p.m. Details are being finalized and Ms. Ritenburgh will communicate with families about the final plans. All students in the sixth grade band, seventh grade band, and eighth grade band are invited to participate in the concert. Band performers should plan to wear black and white concert attire.

The sixth grade beginning band will have a concert at a later date. Thanks!



## FALL STATE TESTING

This week, HMS continued our Fall State Testing. Students completed ELA testing this week and will take math tests next Monday and Tuesday. We will have make-up test opportunities for all students who need additional time or who were absent on their class testing day. Please remind your child to come to school with their Chromebook charged and remind them to get plenty of rest. Thank you!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

October 11 -12: Grade 6-8 Math Testing (in Math class)

October 22: Healthy Youth Survey - Grade 6 & 8 (in Social Studies class)

October 22: Vision Screening - Grade 7

October 25 - 29: Parent-Teacher Conferences - 3 Hour Early Release

November 5: Hearing Screening - Grade 7

November 11: Veterans Day - No School

November 24 - 26: Thanksgiving Holiday - No School



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