

# HMS Parent Newsletter

NOVEMBER 12, 2021

## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

HMS Families:

As Thanksgiving approaches and we reflect upon the things we are grateful for, we are reminded what an incredible privilege it is to work with the students and families on our Hockinson community. We are grateful for you, for your ongoing support of our school, and for the return of many 'normal' school activities.

This week, we had the opportunity to honor students who were selected as HMS award winners for the month of October. These students have consistently demonstrated Honorable, Motivated, and Safe and Secure behavior at school. Our HMS award winners will join us as audience members at our next Pep Assembly and have their names read on morning announcements. Please join me in congratulating the following students:

### October HMS Award Winners

Kaili H., Matthew D., Collin W., Elina H., Dylan W., Ronan A., Christina C., Jacob B., Kimberly A., Jimmy N., Quentin T., Walid J., Hunter B., Ruby C., Cruz G., Ava D., Bridget B., Caleb B., Rosalynn B., Gavin M., Jack P., Kendall S., Lillian R., Hudson R., Leah G., Austin S., Aubrianna H., Ethan C., Gavin J., Ava L., Pavaan O., Anthony C., Nellie H., and Sierra H.

Last week, HMS held our first Pep Assemblies of the school year. While our assemblies look a little different than in years past, they were just as fun-filled and exciting as always. This year, Pep Assemblies are held by grade level. Each HomeBase class selects 4 students to participate in the Pep Assembly games. Our audience consists of our HMS award winners and Spirit Week winners. Throughout the year, we will hold monthly assemblies so that each student has the chance to participate and represent their HomeBase class. For the November Assembly, students took part in a relay race. Take a look at some photos from our assemblies below.

Today, HMS had a Virtual Veterans Day Assembly to honor service members from our community and nation. Students listened to patriotic music performed by our HMS band and saw a slideshow of photos of veterans from our Hockinson community. All students then created a thank you card to send to a veteran. If you'd like to view our Virtual Veterans Day presentation, you can do so by clicking [here](#). Thank you to those who have served our country!

~ Meredith

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## PWT SPIRIT SHIRTS ARE HERE!

Thank you to our amazing PWT, each HMS student will be coming home with a class color spirit wear shirt on Monday! Next Friday, we will have a class colors spirit day and encourage all HMS students to show their school spirit by wearing their new shirt.

We'd like to thank our PWT leaders (especially Julie Ruhl) for their generosity and all of the hard work in getting shirts ordered, sorted, and delivered!

## PEP ASSEMBLIES





## STUDENT ADVISORY GROUP

HMS is proud to introduce the 10 students who are part of the Student Advisory Group. These student leaders will meet monthly with our school staff to share information on their school experiences and to brainstorm ideas to continue to make HMS a welcoming and safe learning environment. Student voice is critical to helping us to make HMS the best place for students to work and learn and we are grateful to have these student leaders sharing their thoughts and ideas.

Our 2021-22 Student Advisory Group leaders are: Hunter B., Christina C., Mia H., Macy H., Evelyn N., Rhys R., Navarin S., Paisley S., Tempi S., and Bryson T.

*(not pictured - Evelyn N., Paisley S., and Christina C.)*



## PWT RAISE CRAZE - UPDATE

We have just over a week left in our PWT Raise Craze Fundraiser. Raise Craze is all about paying it forward. When friends and family show us kindness or give to our schools, we pay it forward by completing acts of service for others. We are in week two of our kindness fundraiser and we need your help spreading more kindness and raising funds! Will you help us reach our goal?!

Register HHES students here:

<https://my.raisecraze.com/AGGWRAJ/>

Register HMS students here:

<https://my.raisecraze.com/AVMNJHG/>



## FOOD DRIVE

Our Hockinson Middle School Food Drive kicks off next week! We are excited to help our community by collecting donation of nutritious, non-perishable food items. Our food drive will run from Friday, Nov. 19 through Thursday, Dec. 16. On Friday, Dec. 17, the students from the HomeBase class who has brought in the most food will help deliver the food items to the Fire District 3 where they will be distributed to families in need.

In 2019, HMS brought in over 5,000 food items for local families and we are hoping to do even better this year!

There will be a friendly school-wide competition for HomeBase classes during the Food Drive. There are three categories for the HomeBase competition: HomeBase Food Drive Points, Grade Level Total Items, and HomeBase Total Donation.

### Points Competition

All non-perishable food items donated are worth one point. There are special bonus items that can be turned in for additional points on special Bonus Days.

### **Bonus Point Food**

Pasta and/or Pasta Sauce, Mac & Cheese, Rice (no ramen, no sauce packets or mixes, no single serving pasta meals/chef-boy-r-dee) "CARB DAY"

Friday, Nov. 19, 2 points

Stove Top Stuffing (only STOVE TOP brand)

Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2 points

Chili, Boxed Cornbread Mix, Canned Beans, Dry Beans

Tuesday, Nov. 30, 3 points

Pancake Mix and Syrups and Cereals

Friday, Dec. 3, 3 points

Canned Meat (tuna, shrimp, spam, clams, chicken, etc.),  
Crackers

Tuesday, Dec. 7, 3 points

Condiments, Salad Dressings, (usually these are in bottles or jars, no packets)

Friday, Dec. 10, 4 points

Cooking Oils

Tuesday, Dec. 14, 4 points

Peanut Butter and/or Jellies, Potatoes (5lb or 10lb unopened bags of potatoes, no single potatoes, peanut butter substitutes such as nutella will be accepted)

Thursday, Dec. 16, 4 points

There are also three Combo Points Days. On these days, 2 extra points will be earned for each combo pair (above and beyond bonus points).

### **Food Drive Combo Dates**

Day 1 - Friday, Nov. 19th

Pasta and Pasta Sauce

Day 4 - Friday, Dec, 3rd

Pancake Mix and Syrup

Day 8 - Thursday, Dec. 16th

Peanut Butter and Jelly

**Double Points** will be awarded to each HomeBase class that has at least 10 regular food items in their basket on any pick up day (Tuesdays and Fridays).

### **Bombs (negative points)**

All Campbells Soup products are affectionately known as 'bombs'. These will count for negative points and can be placed in the basket of any HomeBase class during the first 5 minutes of HomeBase. Products less than 20 ounces will count for two negative points. Products greater than 20 ounces will count as four negative points.

Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!



## **WINTER SPORTS UPDATE**

This week, we had our first home Girls' Basketball game and Wrestling matches. It is always wonderful to see our Hornet athletes in action!

Hockinson School District has created an [FAQ on Winter Sports and COVID Compliance](#) document to answer some common questions. If you have any additional questions, please email us at [covid.testing@hocksd.org](mailto:covid.testing@hocksd.org)



## FOR 8TH GRADE FAMILIES ONLY

8th Grade Families,

It is time to submit a baby picture of your 8th grader for the yearbook.

Please submit ONE baby picture of your 8th grader by December 1, 2021. Late submissions will not be accepted, as our yearbook runs by strict publication deadlines.

<https://images.jostens.com/418345951>

Thank you,  
The Yearbook Staff

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 1 - 19: PWT Raise Craze
- November 19 - December 16: HMS Food Drive
- December 1: Final Day to Submit 8th Grade Baby Photos
- December 8: Hearing Screening - Grade 7
- December 9: HMS Winter Concert - 7 p.m. at HHS
- November 24 - 26: Thanksgiving Holiday - No School
- December 13 - 17: Winter Spirit Week
- December 20 - 31: Winter Break - No School
- January 3: Return to School
- January 17: Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
- January 28: End of Semester 1 - No School



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