



# THE HOWARD *weekly*



## What's Coming Up?

- **Sept. 16-** Text Alert Test- see *Community News*
- **Sept. 27-** PA Fall Family Fun, see *School Wide Events*



## School Wide Events



### Join us for an evening of fun!

Please join fellow Howard families for a fun evening at the school! Enjoy a DJ, crafts, yard games, a photo booth, and exciting prizes and giveaways. Dinner will be available for purchase from food trucks. The Parents Association will provide drinks and popcorn.

**Volunteers Needed!** If you're coming to the Fall Event, please consider signing up for a volunteer shift. Shifts are only 30-minutes, and there is something for everyone from set-up and tear-down to playing games and decorating pumpkins. It's not work when you're having fun! The PA appreciates your support in helping make this event a huge success.

**Friday, Sept. 27**  
 **5:00 - 7:00 pm**  
 **The Howard School courtyard**

[Sign-up to volunteer!](#)



## Community News

**Text Alert Test This Monday!**

On Monday, September 16 at 2:00 PM, we'll be sending a test text alert to all parents from the number 317065. This is to ensure our notification system is working properly. If you do not receive the text, please reach out to us at [communications@howardschool.org](mailto:communications@howardschool.org) so we can add your cell phone to our alert system.

Text alerts will be used for important notifications like late start mornings, early dismissals, and inclement weather updates. We're excited to introduce this new addition to our parent communications, which came directly from your feedback in the Spring 2024 parent survey!



## Nurse's Corner



Julie Teachout, School Nurse

### Not Sure if Your Child is Too Sick for School? We've Got You Covered!

What symptoms require my child to stay home when they are sick? When can I send my child back to school after they've been sick? To find answers to these questions and many more, please click below for the Student Illness Policy. For easy reference, the Student Illness Policy can always be found on the School's website under the Nurse's Corner.

Nurse's Corner



## The Howard Fund

**THE  
HOWARD  
FUND**   
*Love the Difference*

**We're excited to announce a new approach to our fundraising efforts at The Howard School, based on valuable parent feedback.** Instead of a year-long campaign, we're launching a parent-focused six-week drive for The Howard Fund, running from September 16 to October 25, 2024.

The Howard Fund is our school's most critical annual fundraising effort, helping to cover the 10% gap between what we receive in tuition and the actual cost of operating the school. Additionally, the Parents Association will no longer fundraise for PA events. Instead, volunteers are focusing on engaging our community and supporting our faculty and school. This change will streamline our fundraising efforts and reduce the number of "asks."

Please consider making a pledge or gift to The Howard Fund. Our goal is \$365,000 with 100% parent participation. Together, we can ensure that The Howard School remains a place where our students thrive and grow.

Contribute Today!



## In Case You Missed It

### New Financial Aid Dates Announced!

Financial Aid applications for the 2025/2026 school year opened today, Sept. 15, 2024. The new application deadline is Dec. 15, 2024.

#### FAQ

**Why have you changed the Financial Aid Application deadline?** We understand that independent school tuition is a serious commitment that requires financial planning. Moving up the application date will allow us to offer financial aid awards in January during re-enrollment.

**What information do I need to provide?** You will need to upload your 2023 Federal Tax Returns, supporting schedules and forms, and W-2s or 1099s. If you applied for financial aid for the 2024/2025 school year you have likely already uploaded these documents!

**Last year I uploaded my 2023 Federal Tax Returns, supporting schedules and forms, and W-2s or 1099s. Do I need to upload them again?** No, this information will carry over to the 2025/2026 Financial Aid Application.

**What other steps must I complete to apply for 2025/2026 Financial Aid?** Both new and returning financial aid applicants must complete the [2025/2026 Financial Aid Request Form](#) AND the [FACTS Grant and Aid Application](#).

Click below to learn more.

Financial Aid Information

## Help Us Prepare for Virtual Day on November 11!

Did you receive the email from our Director of Information Security, Systems, and Infrastructure on Thursday? If you missed the email, simply click below to take the quick survey which asks you to test your home's internet speed. It only takes a minute, and your feedback is invaluable in helping us plan a successful virtual day. Thank you for your time and support!

Link to Survey



### MONDAY, SEPT. 16

MS "A" Volleyball vs. Mill Springs, 4:00 pm @Home

Varsity Soccer vs. Mill Springs, 4:30 pm @Home

Varsity Volleyball vs. Mill Springs, 5:00 pm @Home

### TUESDAY, SEPT. 17

MS Soccer vs. Annunciation Day, 4:30 pm @Home

Varsity Cross Country meet, 6:30 pm @Creekside HS

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18

Varsity Soccer vs. Cumberland, 4:00 pm @Hammond Park

Varsity Volleyball vs. Cumberland, 4:00 pm @Cumberland

MS Cross Country meet, 4:00 pm @Life University

JV Volleyball vs. Heritage Prep, 5:00 pm @Home

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 19

#### \*WHITE OUT HOME GAMES\*

Varsity Soccer vs. Cottage, 4:30 pm @Home

JV Volleyball vs. Cottage, 4:30 pm @Home

MS "A" Volleyball vs. Annunciation Day, 4:30 pm @Annunciation Day

Varsity Volleyball vs. Cottage, 5:30 pm @Home

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 20

Bowling vs. Cumberland, 4:00 pm @Bowlero Atlantic Station

