

WINTER WONDERLAND EDITION | DECEMBER 2024

ROYALS IN ACTION

HAMILTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

MESSAGE FROM JOSE MARTINEZ DEAN OF STUDENTS AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Hamilton Middle School Families,

As we approach the holiday season, we reflect on the many exciting and positive developments that have taken place this semester. Our students have shown immense growth in their academic pursuits, extracurricular activities, and personal development, and we are so proud of their efforts.

This December, we look forward to finishing the semester strong with a variety of events that celebrate our students and the Hamilton community. From the start of winter sports, clubs to academic achievements, there is so much to celebrate!

We also want to thank you, our dedicated parents and guardians, for your continued support of our students and our school. The partnership we share is key to ensuring our students' success. As we head into the winter break, we hope that this time allows for family bonding, rest, and a well-deserved break.

Here's a quick preview of what's in the December Newsletter:

- Winter Sports: Our basketball teams (boys and girls) are gearing up for a great season!
- After-School Programs: December is the perfect time to get involved in one of our many after-school clubs and teams.
- Winter Break: Remember, the last day of school before break is December 19th, with students returning on January 6th.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to get involved, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We are thankful for your partnership and wish you all a peaceful, joyful holiday season!

CHECK OUT THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER!

- ☒ DATES TO REMEMBER
- ☒ NOVEMBER EVENT PICTURES
- ☒ HAMILTON BASKETBALL
- ☒ AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM
- ☒ BAASE AND LAASE
- ☒ PARENT INVOLVEMENT
- ☒ WICHITA CIVIC BEE
- ☒ ATTENDANCE INFORMATION



DATES TO REMEMBER!



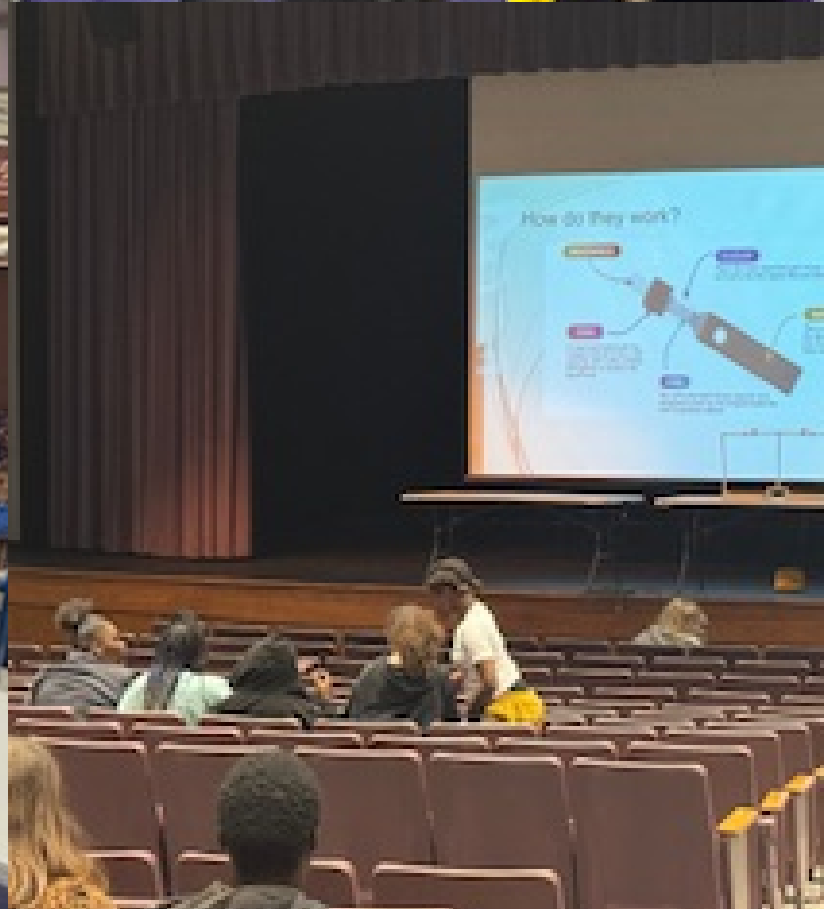
- All December: 8th Grade High School Enrollment
- December 2nd - 6th: Fastbridge aReading and aMath Screening
- December 6th: 8th Grade Early College Academy Presentation
- December 5th: Band and Orchestra Winter Concert
- December 12th: Choir Elementary School Visit
- December 19th: Last Day of First Semester
- January 6th: First Day of 2nd Semester

HAPPY
Holidays!

HOUSE SPIRIT WEEK



SPOOKTACKULAR FAMILY NIGHT



HAMILTON MIDDLE SCHOOL



AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM





🏀 Hamilton Royals Basketball Tryouts 🏀



Dates: December 9–13

Boys Tryouts: December 9–11

Girls Tryouts: December 11–13



Time: 3:20–5:00 PM



Important: Students must have a completed physical turned in by Monday, December 2nd to try out.

For paperwork or questions, please contact Coach Clark or the main office.

Let's go, Royals! ❤️👑



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HAMILTON YMCA

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

FREE FOR ALL STUDENTS

The Greater Wichita YMCA's Middle School After School program provides a safe, supervised environment where students can receive academic support, explore and develop new skills and interests, enjoy a nutritious snack, participate in structured, physical activities, and have fun with peers and positive role models. Students have FREE daily access to two hours of programming that follows best practices for the age group.

SIGN UP!

For the 2024 school year we've joined forces with the Wichita YMCA to super-charge your after-school experience! For more information and to sign up for the program please following the QR code or by clicking here.



DECEMBER FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 4TH: DOWNTOWN YMCA

DECEMBER 11TH: WSU BOWLING



NOVEMBER PROGRAM SCHEDULE

WEEK 1: DEC 2ND - 5TH
MONDAY - THURSDAY

WEEK 2: DEC 9TH - 12TH
MONDAY - THURSDAY



BETTER ACADEMICS AND SOCIAL EXCELLENCE



MISSION STATEMENT: The Mission of the BAASE and LAASE Initiative is to identify males and females who have demonstrated positive academic identities and to engage them in meaningful/culturally relevant activities that will lead to further academic and social success as well as increased participation in advanced classes.

BAASE: supports males of color with strong academics through culturally relevant activities and promotes advanced classes.

Although the focus of is males and ladies of color, we do not exclude any males who would like to join!

LAASE: supports ladies of color with strong academics through culturally relevant activities and promotes advanced classes.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES:

Challenge and support each member academically

Promote Pro-Social Behavior

Cultivate Leadership

Promote Equitable Access and Opportunity

How can I be a part of BAASE and LAASE?

Maintain 2.5 GPA

Maintain a 95% attendance rate

Zero out of School Suspensions

Parents or guardians who wish to refer a student to BAASE or LAASE, please scan the QR code and fill out the referral form.



PARENTS WE NEED YOU!



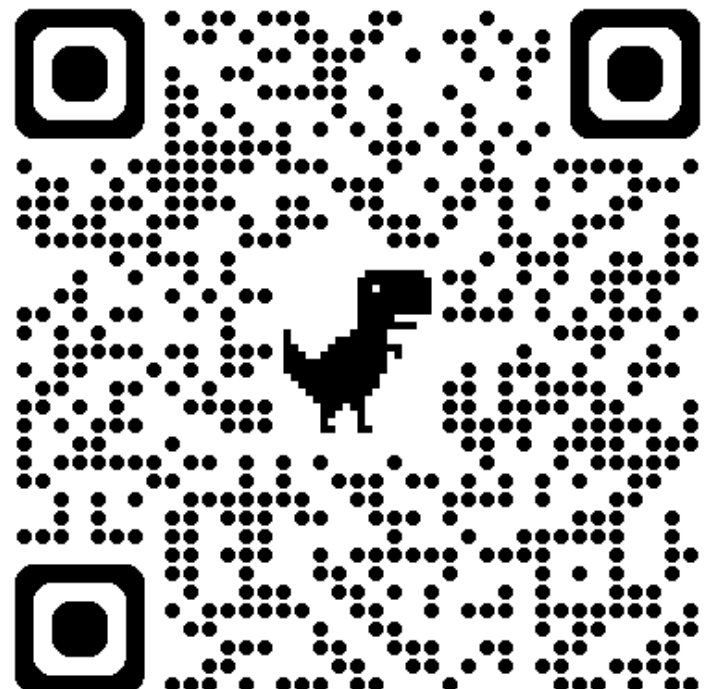
HAMILTON SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

Hamilton Middle School Site Council is needing parents, to identify, consider, and discuss educational problems and issues at Hamilton Middle School and to provide advice and counsel. If you would like to participate please register using the QR code or by clicking the link:
GET INVOLVED



HAMILTON VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

Throughout the school year Hamilton Middle School will be needing volunteers. If you would like to volunteer please register using the following information in the QR Code. All volunteers need to complete this process before volunteering at Wichita Public Schools.



THE NATIONAL
CIVICS BEE[®]
in Wichita

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2025

OPEN TO ALL 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADERS IN SEDGWICK COUNTY

1 ***Answer the Essay Prompt and submit your work digitally by February 4th, 2025.***

- ✓ Identify a specific problem, challenge, or opportunity in your community. What can you do to contribute to its improvement?
- ✓ What individuals or organizations would you work with to accomplish your solution? Examples include elected officials, business leaders, and nonprofits.
- ✓ How does your solution include Founding Principles and Civic Virtues?

2 Judges will score all essays, and the Top 20 entries from Sedgwick County will be invited to our Live Bee on April 29, 2025.

3 The Live Bee will include two rounds of multiple choice quiz questions, with the top 5 finalists proposing their essay idea to live judges.

4 Cash prizes of **\$500**, **\$250**, and **\$125** will be awarded to the Top 3 finishers, who also move on to the State Bee.

To enter the competition, and for all other questions, please visit:



www.nationalcivicsbee.org



Attendance = Opportunities

BEST DATES TO SCHEDULE YOUR DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENTS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

The dates highlighted in **RED** are the best dates to schedule your student's doctor's appointments. The dates highlighted in **GREEN** are holidays

SEPTEMBER

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MISSING EVEN A FEW DAYS CAN HAVE A BIG IMPACT ON THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME FUTURE READY.

DANGER ZONE: 18+ ABSENCES

- For each day missed, a student falls 2 days behind their classmates. These students will have missed approximately one year's worth of school by the time they reach their senior year.

CHRONIC ZONE: 9-17 ABSENCES

- Missing 10% or two days of excused or unexcused absences each month leads to chronic absenteeism.

SAFE ZONE: 0-8 ABSENCES

- Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.
- Students benefit and make the most of their educational opportunities if they attend school regularly and on time

3,5,7 Rule

Inexcusably absent for a substantial part of a school day on either three (3) consecutive school days, or five (5) school days in any semester or seven (7) school days in any school year, whichever of the aforementioned occurs first.

A student's attendance pattern must meet this rule before he/she can be reported to the Office of DCF or to Office of the District Attorney.

Definition of Excused Absence

The "Valid Excuse for Absences" is defined as follows:

- Medical or dental treatment, examination or recuperation;
- Death/serious illness in immediate family;
- Approval by school authorities, secured prior to the absence;
- Circumstances or conditions which, in the opinion of the attending school principal or designee constitutes a valid excuse.
- Under the law (ICEOMC), WPS may grant up to 5 days excused absences per school year for a military-connected student who parent or guardian is an active duty, Guard or Reserve member who has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or is immediately returned from deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting; if absence is preapproved; student is in good standing; student has a prior record of good attendance; missed work is completed and turned in within allotted time period; and the absence is not during standardized testing dates.