Haverford Middle School

Friday Family Message

February 6, 2026

Superintendent Meet & Greet

SUPERINTENDENT

MEET & GREET



We invite our community members to attend and connect with our new Superintendent, Dr. Matthew C. Hayes

FEBRUARY

WHEN: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 10:00-11:00 AM

WHERE: KELLY MUSIC CENTER 4 EAST EAGLE ROAD

MARCH

WHEN: TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 11:00-12:00 PM

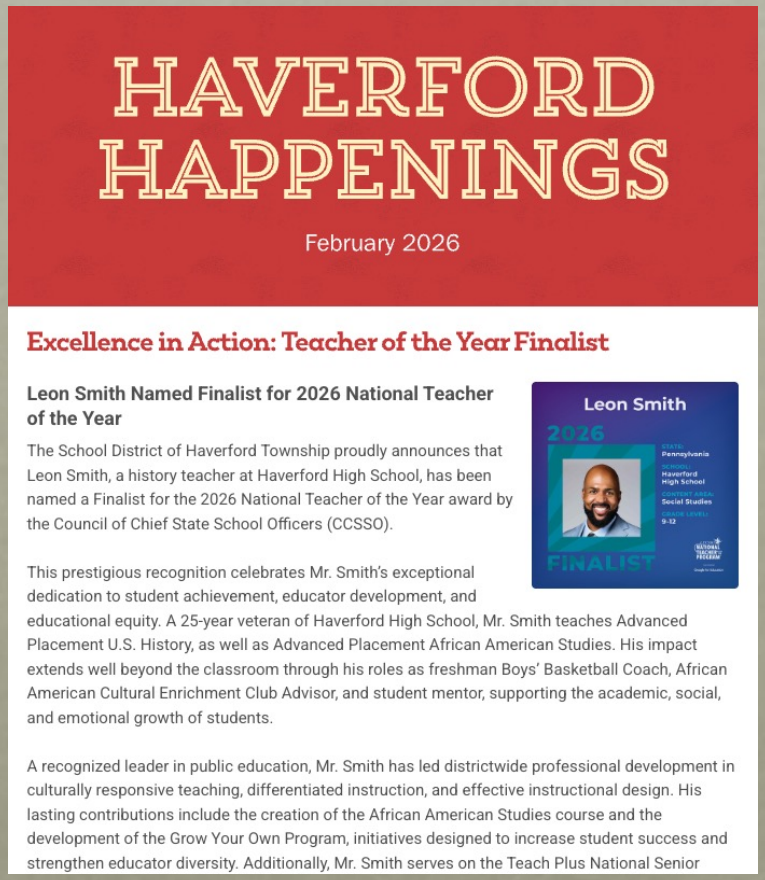
WHERE: HAVERFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY 1601 DARBY ROAD

***NOTE: NEW DATE AND TIME FOR MARCH**

Kindly RSVP, indicating your topics of interest and how many guests will attend.

adeacon@haverfordsd.net or 610-853-5900 x7300

Haverford Happenings



HAVERFORD HAPPENINGS

February 2026

Excellence in Action: Teacher of the Year Finalist

Leon Smith Named Finalist for 2026 National Teacher of the Year

The School District of Haverford Township proudly announces that Leon Smith, a history teacher at Haverford High School, has been named a Finalist for the 2026 National Teacher of the Year award by the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO).

This prestigious recognition celebrates Mr. Smith's exceptional dedication to student achievement, educator development, and educational equity. A 25-year veteran of Haverford High School, Mr. Smith teaches Advanced Placement U.S. History, as well as Advanced Placement African American Studies. His impact extends well beyond the classroom through his roles as freshman Boys' Basketball Coach, African American Cultural Enrichment Club Advisor, and student mentor, supporting the academic, social, and emotional growth of students.

A recognized leader in public education, Mr. Smith has led districtwide professional development in culturally responsive teaching, differentiated instruction, and effective instructional design. His lasting contributions include the creation of the African American Studies course and the development of the Grow Your Own Program, initiatives designed to increase student success and strengthen educator diversity. Additionally, Mr. Smith serves on the Teach Plus National Senior

- **Check out all the February 2026 Haverford Happenings!**
  - Mr. Leon Smith, HHS Teacher, Finalist for 2026 National Teacher of the Year
  - National School Counseling Week
  - Exploring, Creating, Discovering in the Library
  - The Great Kindness Challenge

Administrative Team

- **Mrs. Julianne Hill**
  - Supervisor of Secondary Special Programs
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- **Dr. Daniel J. Horan**
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- **Dr. Abby Hollenbeck**
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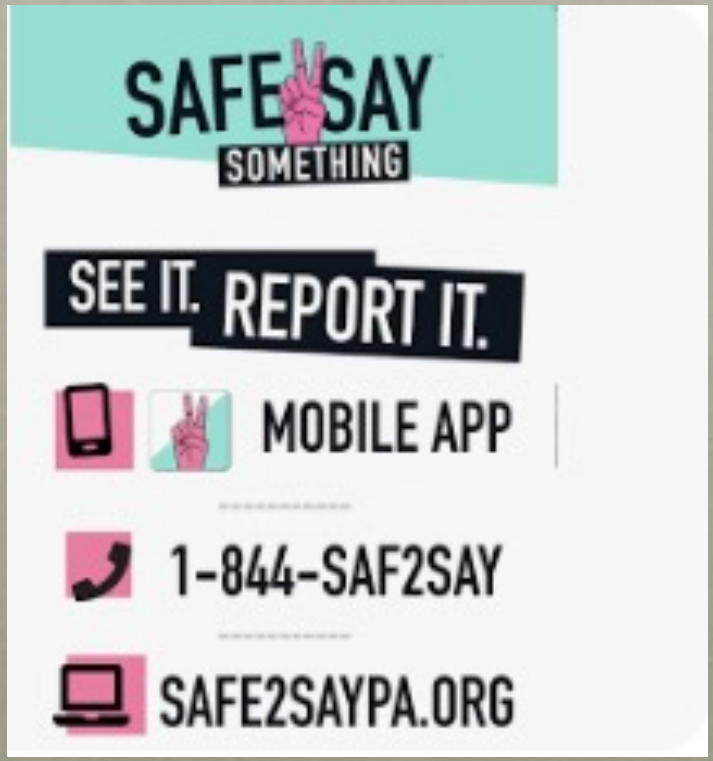
- **Dr. Ashley Gavio**
  - 6th Grade Assistant Principal
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- **Mr. David Ford**
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School Safety

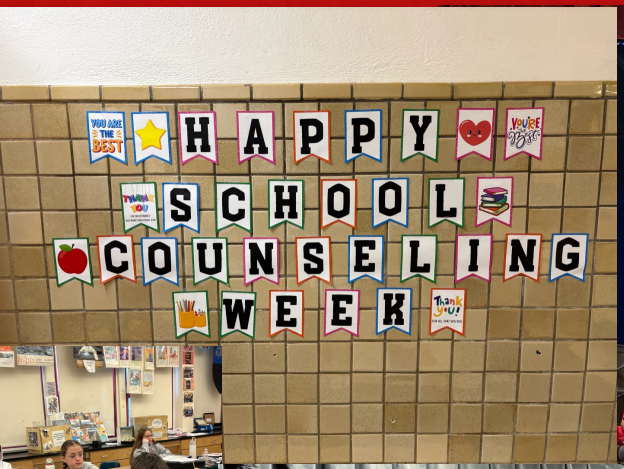
- **Winter reminders**
  - Getting to and from school
  - Car & Drop-Off Safety
  - Health & Wellness
  - Online & After-school Safety
  - Emergency Preparedness

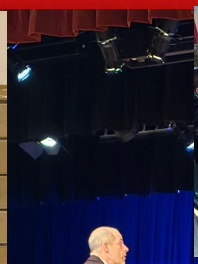


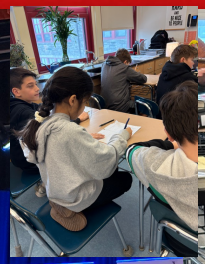
Strategic Plan Goals



This Week At HMS!







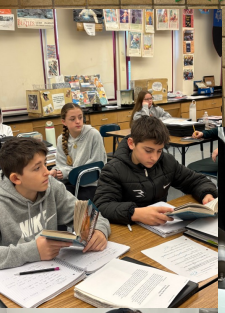










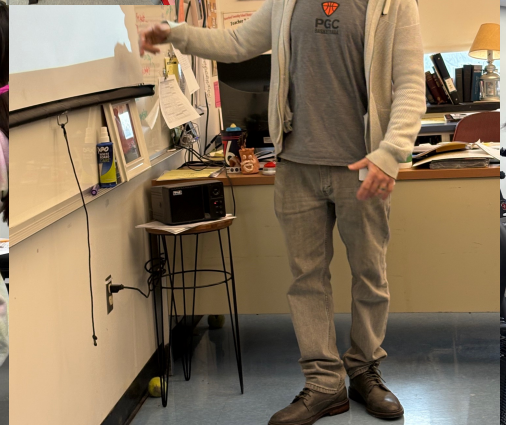














County Band!



7th Graders
Xander Fingerut
Konrad Isajiw
Sophia Jones
Libby Matz

8th Graders
Liam Ailes
Will Clouse
Breccan Deville
Spencer Grilli
Megan Harvey
Gabriel Heath
Sabrina Ou
Helene McDonald
Joon Mohr
Griffin McMahon
Richard Paquette
Isaac Pandian
Carson Silver
Luke Williams

Ice Hockey

- The Middle School League has announced its All-Star players and HMS has 6!
- The Middle School Varsity All-Star Game: 2/16 @5:15pm @ IceLine
- The Middle School JV All-Star Game: 2/13 @5:00pm @ IceLine





PBIS Expectations

FORDS REV UP

	READY	RESPECTFUL	RESPONSIBLE
HALLWAYS & STAIRWELLS	• Walk on the right • Go directly to class • Keep moving	• Keep hands & feet to self • Use kind words & inside voice • Put trash in trash cans	• Help others • Use locker before/after lunch and gym; or with a classroom pass • Use lock & keep combo private • Report problems to an adult
BATHROOM	• Technology-free zone • Have a pass	• Clean up • Wait patiently • Maintain personal space & privacy	• Wash your hands • Return to class promptly • Report problems to an adult
CLASSROOM	• Be on time with your materials • Follow directions • Try your best	• Be open to different perspectives • Collaborate with others • Use technology as directed	• Take care of all materials • Participate • Do your own work • Turn in work on time • Use your technology safely & report issues
CAFETERIA	• Only bring your lunch with you • Go through lunch line one time • Enter/Exit lines appropriately	• Eat & put trash in trash cans • Be patient • Use kind words & inside voice	• Eat at your assigned table • Clean up your area • Raise your hand to leave your seat • Keep food in appropriate locations
BUSES	• Be on time	• Use kind words & inside voice • Listen to adults on the bus	• Remain seated • Keep track of belongings



Absences / Early Dismissal

- **For our full attendance policy please review policy 204 and its accompanying administrative regulations.**

- **Late arrivals**
  - Students must report to the main office if they arriving after 7:50 AM
  - Students will provide a note to the main office when they enter school
  - Students need a late pass from the main office to enter your homeroom after 7:50 AM

- **Absences**
  - Email Mrs. Sharon Cianci (scianci@haverfordsd.net) or Mrs. Mary Kate Lane (mlane@haverfordsd.net).
  - Please detail the name of your child, grade, date of absence, and reason for absence
  - Excused absences include illness, bereavement, medical or dental appointments, pre-approved religious instruction, pre approved educational travel, and others.
    - Please be mindful for the 5 day maximum for pre approved educational travel
  - Students may be excused from school when observing a religious holiday observed by a bona fide religious group, upon prior written notice from the parent/guardian.

- **Early dismissal**
  - Early dismissal notes (not emails) should be delivered by the student to the main office before they go to homeroom
    - Please review your early dismissal plan with your child before they come to school
    - Communicate in your note if your child has permission to leave school on their own
    - We will give your child a note to check in at the main office before being picked-up or leaving school on their own

Regular Schedule

Homeroom Students are admitted to the building at 7:30 AM, go directly to their locker, and then report to homeroom Students are required to be in homeroom at 7:50 AM for attendance Students should log onto CANVAS and their Email in homeroom before 7:50 AM Students should watch the Morning Meeting, which begins at 7:50 AM	**7:50 - 8:00**
1st Period	**8:03 - 8:50**
2nd Period	**8:53-9:40**
3rd Period	**9:43-10:30**
4th period (6th grade Lunch/Advisory)	**10:33-11:20**
5th Period (7th grade lunch/Advisory)	**11:23-12:10**
6th Period (7th & 8th grade lunch/Advisory)	**12:13-1:00**
7th Period (8th grade lunch/Advisory)	**1:03-1:50**
8th Period	**1:53-2:40**

6th Grade Camp Canadensis







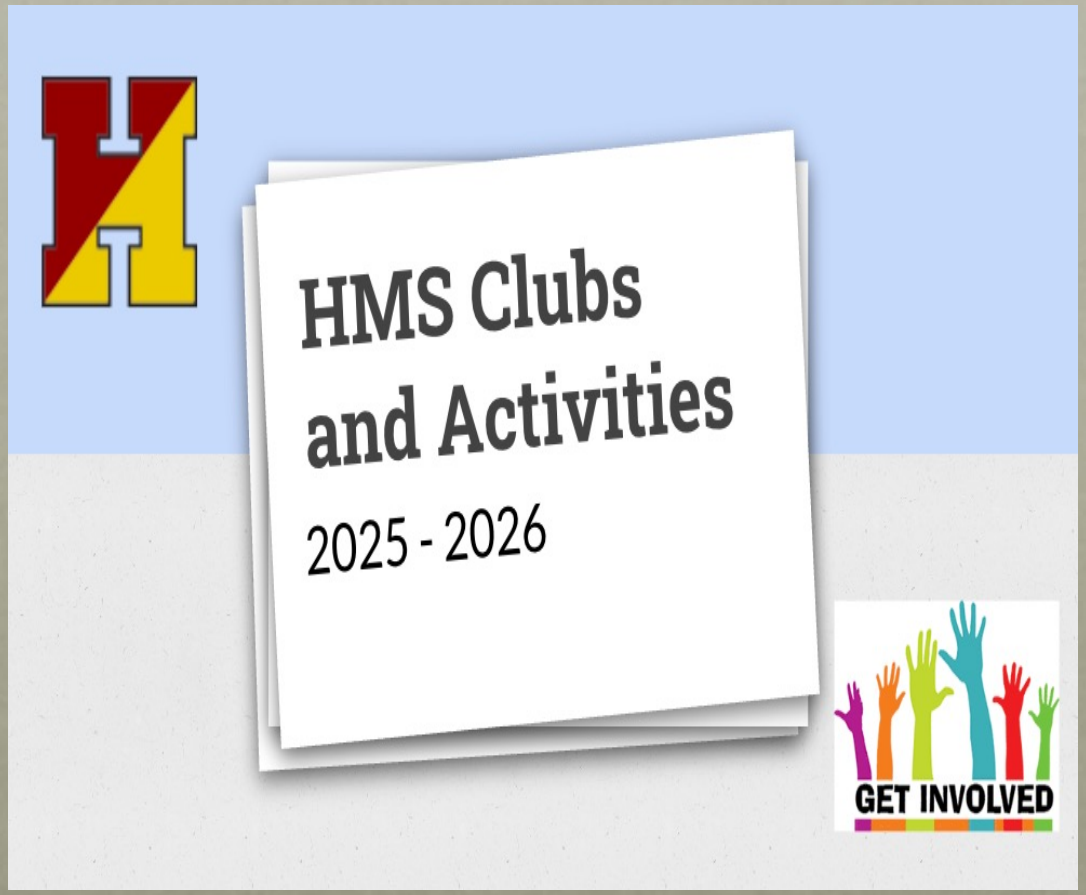




- The cost of camp is $198
- Payment due before February 28th
- Look for an email regarding payment from myschoolbucks.com

Clubs & Activities

- Clubs & Activities
- **Clubs and activities started this week!**



7th & 8th Grade PIAA Athletics



- ATHLETICS
- Athletics Manual
- Eligibility
- **Spring sports meeting**
  - Thursday, February 26th in
  - GYM AB @ 3:00 PM
- Family ID **is open for Spring sports**
- **Support staff**
  - Stephanie Viola, Athletic Supervisor
  - Lindsey Smith, Athletic & Afterschool Activities Advisor

Female Athlete Symposium





- Identity: The whole player
- Connecting on and off the field
- Controlling the controllables
- Fueling for Success On and Off the Field
- Self Advocacy

This Week in Sports

2/9/2026	Monday	3:30 PM	GIRLS 7TH GRADE BASKETBALL	A	@ Sun Valley/Northley HS	Northley MS Gym
2/9/2026	Monday	4:30 PM	GIRLS 8TH GRADE BASKETBALL	A	@ Sun Valley/Northley HS	Northley MS Gym
2/9/26	**Monday**	**3:30 PM**	**BOYS 7TH GRADE BASKETBALL**	**H**	**Sun Valley/Northley HS**	**HMS Basketball GYM A/B**
2/9/2026	**Monday**	**4:30 PM**	**BOYS 8TH GRADE BASKETBALL**	**H**	**Sun Valley/Northley HS**	**HMS Basketball GYM A/B**
2/10/26	Tuesday	3:45 PM	WRESTLING	A	@ Beverly Hills MS	Beverly Hills Middle School
2/11/2026	**Wednesday**	**3:30 PM**	**GIRLS 8TH GRADE BASKETBALL**	**H**	**Drexel Hill MS**	**HMS Basketball GYM A/B**
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2nd Quarter Feedback



- Quarter 2 ended on Friday, January 30th
- Quarter 2 grades will be posted on PowerSchool and a pdf copy will be emailed home on Tuesday, February 10th
- SPED Progress Monitoring notes are due to families before Friday, February 13th @ 12:00 PM
- Distinguished (All As) & Honor Roll (As & Bs) certificates will be shared with students on Friday, February 13th

HMS Musical

Ben & Audrey



Gabe Bianchi as Prince Ben

Charlotte Smith as Audrey

Link for Tickets

HMS THEATER DEPARTMENT proudly presents...

Disney DESCENDANTS THE MUSICAL

Will goodness always win? or will evil take hold?

Buy tickets to come find out!

2/26 @ 5 pm Sensory Friendly Performance	2/27 @ 7 pm	2/28 @ 2 pm
2/28 @ 7 pm	3/6 @ 7 pm	3/7 @ 2 pm

All performances will be held in the Haverford Middle School Auditorium

Evil Kids



Grady Wickersham as Carlos

Cecie Milo as Mal

Javier Cordoba as Jay

Adelle Singson as Evie

Student Government

This week's lunch menu:





















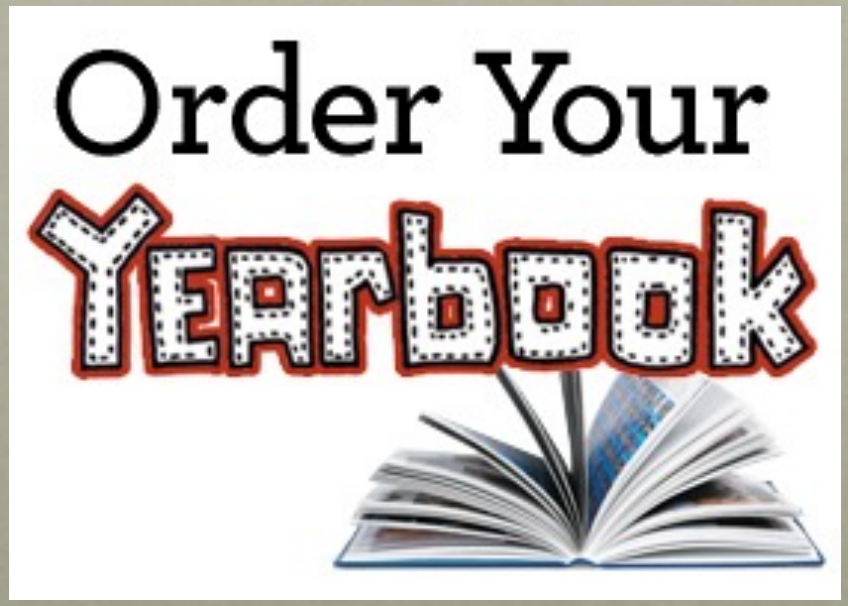
All of February, we will be celebrating the following heritage month(s):

African-American Heritage Month

Look for samples celebrating delicacies from these heritages on Tasty Tuesdays in the cafeteria!



Yearbook



- Link to order yearbook and 8th grade recognition page ad
- $35.00
- Last day to order yearbook is April 3rd

8th Grade Promotion



February Dates

- **February 10……..……..Math Benchmark / Theme Night at HHS @ 7:00 PM**
- **February 12……..Science Benchmark**
- **February 13……...6th & 7th Grade Wellness Day / 8th Grade Career Day**

  100th day of school / Early dismissal @ 11:20
- **February 16…….....No School – Presidents' Day**
- **February 19th……..CDT (testing online systems for PSSAs)**
- **February 20……..HMS Jazz Festival at HHS @ 7:00 PM**
- **February 26 - 28…….....……..HMS Musical**



-PRIDE!