Haverford Middle School

Friday Family Message
February 13, 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

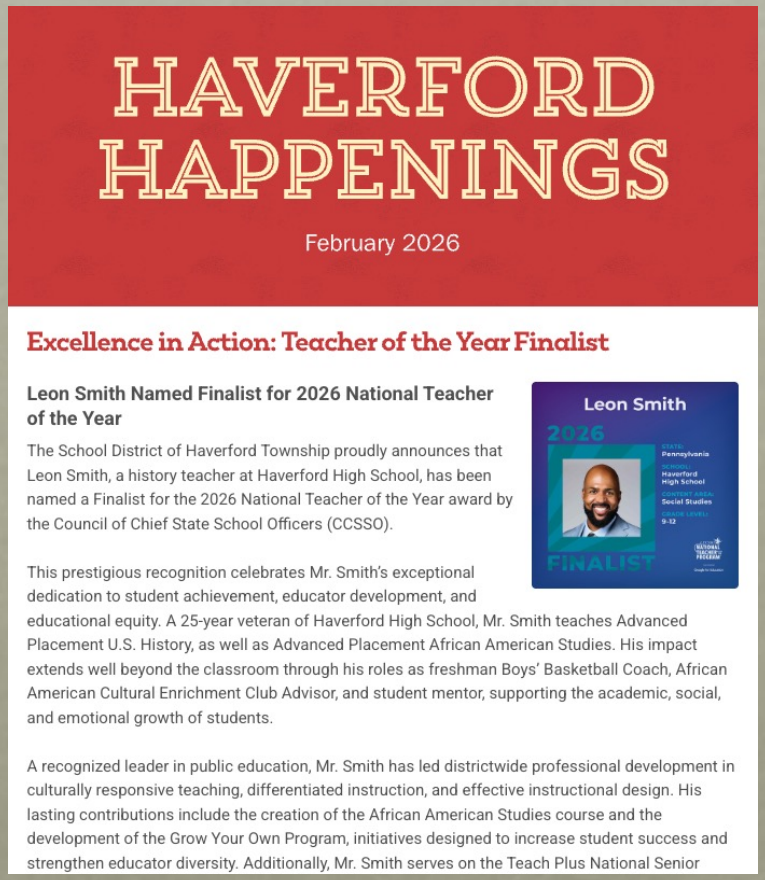
WHERE: HAVERFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY 1601 DARBY ROAD

***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**
  - Principal
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- **Dr. Abby Hollenbeck**
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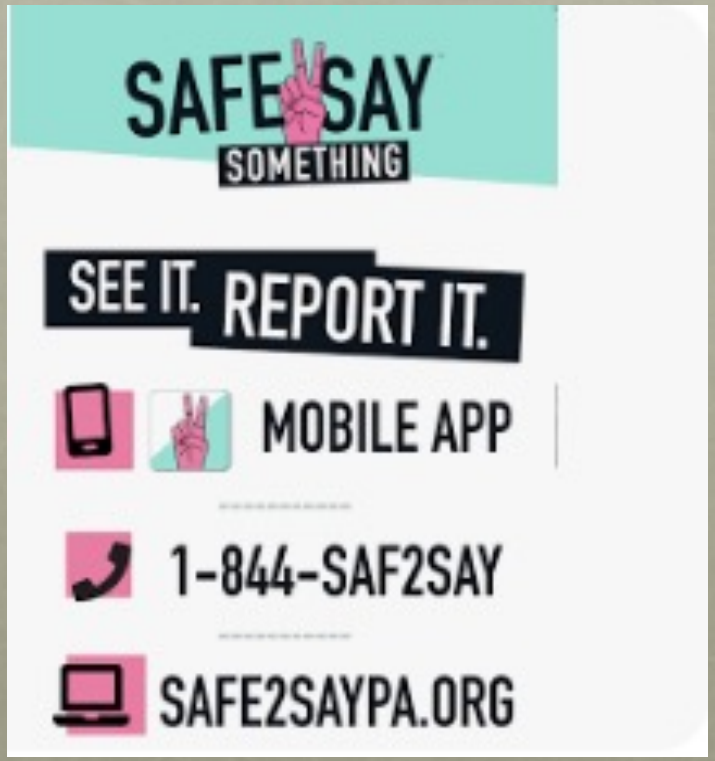
- **Dr. Ashley Gavio**
  - 6th Grade Assistant Principal
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  - 610-853-5900, 5561

- **Mr. David Ford**
  - 7th Grade Assistant Principal
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  - 610-853-5900, 5571



School Safety

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



Strategic Plan Goals



This Week At HMS!



PMEA String Fest



- Anna Nguyen (8th)
- Macey Perinne-Wilson (8th)
- Elliot Hearlson (7th)
- Evan Tian (7th)
- Luca Wholey (7th)
- Ethan Wong (8th)

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







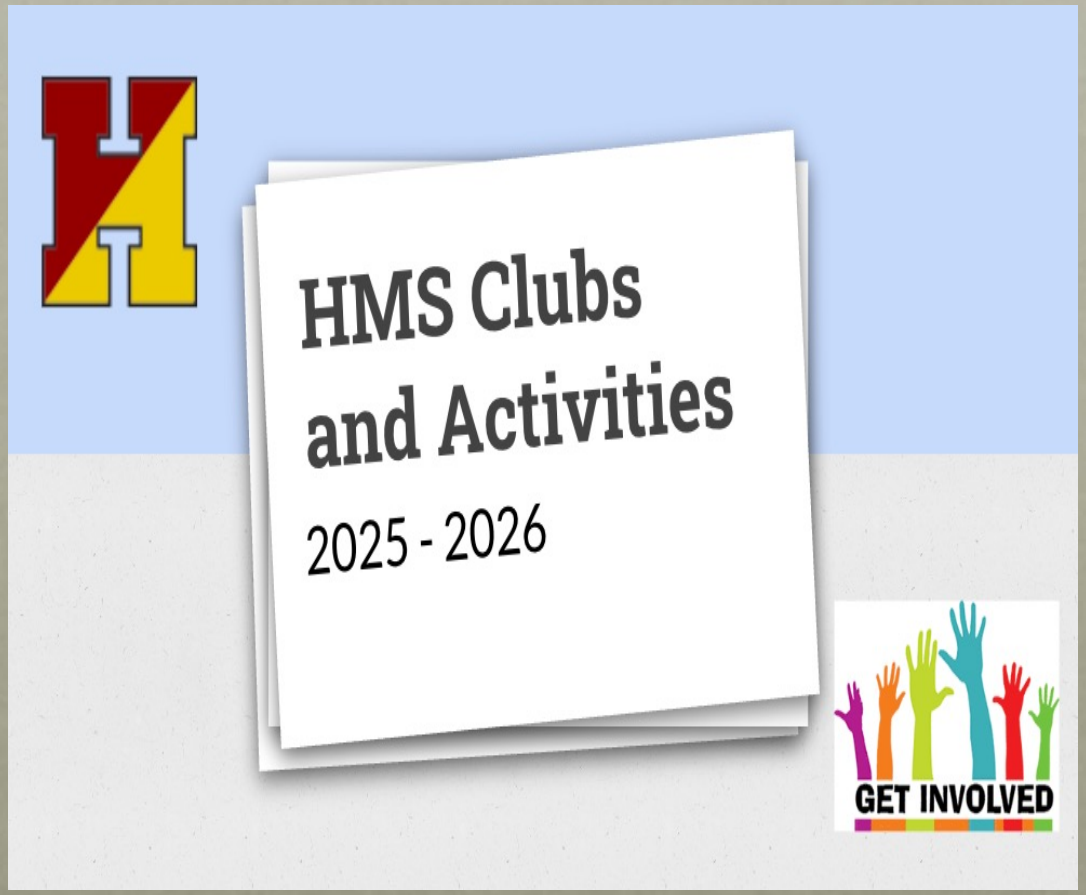




- The cost of camp is $198
- Payment due February 27th
- Look for an email regarding payment from myschoolbucks.com
- Chaperones will be notified before Friday, February 20th

Clubs & Activities

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



Best Buddies Olympics



Join Best Buddies for our 2026 winter Olympics!

Must email Ms. Grassi, by Tuesday Feb. 17 in order to participate

Where - Gym D
When - Thursday, February 19, 2:40-3:30





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

2nd Quarter Feedback



- 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











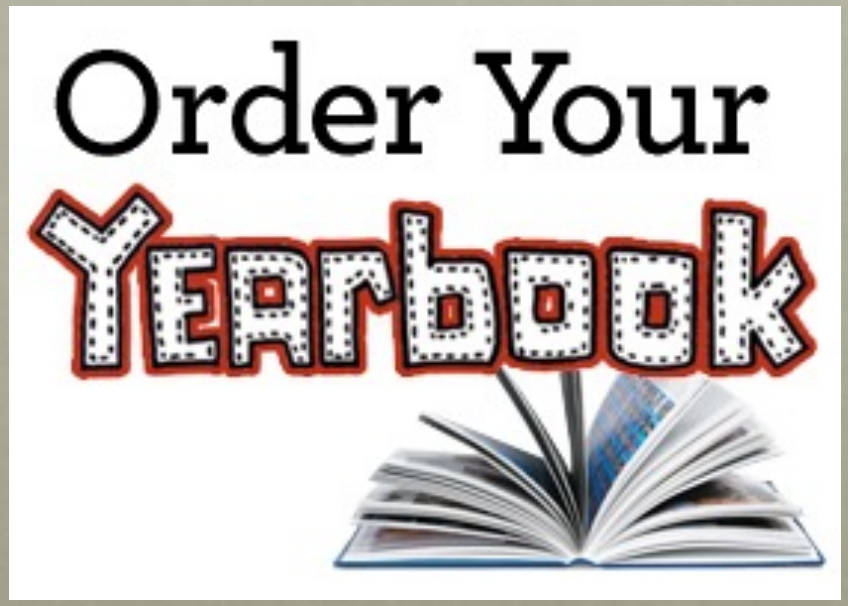
Look for samples celebrating delicacies from these heritages on Tasty Tuesdays in the cafeteria!







Yearbook



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

Bringing Hope Home









- **Gold Team Event**
- **Amazingness**
  - 10th year
  - Approaching $1,000,000
- **Coin Bank Homeroom Collection begins on Tuesday**
- **Olympics**
  - 8th grade – March 18
  - 7th grade – March 19
  - 6th grade – March 20

Communication Issue



- Some families have reported issues receiving calls from the school, and all affected families use the same cell phone provider
- The issue has been resolved

8th Grade Promotion



February, March, & April Dates

- 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
- March 2nd – 6th……School Social Worker Week
- March 6th……Maintenance Worker Appreciation Day
- March 13th…..Midpoint of 3rd Quarter / Strath Haven Jazz Festival
- March 18th-20th…BHH Olympics / Student-Led Conferences / 10:50 AM dismissal
- March 30th – April 3rd……Spring Berak – No School (end of 3rd quarter April 10th)

HTSDEF Twilight Run

2026 Twilight Run

Join us to support the students of Haverford Township!

Sign up to Volunteer

Saturday April 18, 2026 at 4:30pm
Lynnewood Elementary School
1400 Lawrence Road, Havertown, PA

Register to Walk or Run

Register @ HaverfordTwilightRun.org



Register to run, volunteer, or become a sponsor

- 1-mile elementary challenge
- 5K run/walk
- Kids fun zone

Questions?
info@haverfordedfoundation.org

The Twilight Run benefits the Haverford Township School District Education Foundation a nonprofit providing grants to students and educators in our district for innovative educational projects.

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