Haverford Middle School

Friday Family Message

May 1, 2026

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Leon Smith

- **We're thrilled to share some exciting news! Haverford High School teacher Leon Smith has been named the 2026 National Teacher of the Year. This prestigious honor recognizes his impact on students and the community, as well as his commitment to education. We are incredibly proud to have him in our district!**

- **To learn more about Mr. Smith, click the links below:**
  - Meet Leon Smith: The 2026 Teacher of the Year (Video)
  - CBS3 Morning Show Announcement and Interview
  - 2026 National Teacher of the Year (CCSSO NTOY Program)
  - Pennsylvania Teacher Named 2026 National Teacher of the Year | Department of Education | Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



School Safety



- Middle School Community Forum
- Tuesday, May 26th
- 6:00 – 7:00 pm
- Library
- Topic: Social Media
- Agenda: Come together to share ideas, ask questions, raise concerns, and discuss topics that affect our school community
- This is the first of the monthly forum topics we will be hosting, including throughout the summer. Please share topics you would like us to discuss

Strategic Plan Goals



This Week at HMS!

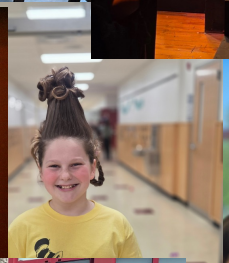






















HHS Robotics



- **Haverford High School's robotics team (Team 484: Roboforce) has qualified for the 2026 FIRST Robotics World Championships in Houston, Texas (April 29 - May 2) for only the third time in the team's 27-year history!**
- **The team also won the won the Engineering Inspiration Award which recognizes outstanding efforts in outreach, mentoring, and initiatives that recruit others to the field of engineering.**
- **Please join us in in congratulating Team 484 and supporting them as they compete in Houston this week!**
- **Here are some highlights from Team 484's season:**
  - 5th Place and 3rd Alliance Captain - FMA Centennial District Event
  - 3rd Place and 1st Alliance First Pick - FMA Montgomery District Event
    3rd Place and 2nd Alliance Captain - FMA District Championship
  - Engineering Inspiration Award Winner - FMA District Championship
  - Finished 10th out of 143 teams in the FIRST Mid-Atlantic District

Intra-District Council (IDC)

INTRA-DISTRICT COUNCIL

- The IDC Volunteer representatives (2 from each school) meet monthly during the school year with the Superintendent and district representatives.
- IDC discusses questions and ideas relevant to our students' and families' school experiences.
- View April 2026 IDC notes.

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
    - Please contact teachers to collect missing work before absence
  - 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**

Quarter 3 Feedback



- 3rd quarter grades are available on PowerSchool and were emailed home last Tuesday
- Distinguished (As in all classes) and Honor Roll (As and Bs in all classes) certificates were shared with students in homeroom on Wednesday
- Please reach out to the teacher, team, or school counselor if you have any questions about grades

Making A Difference Awards

- **Lindsy Smith, SPED Teacher, Athletic & Afterschool Activities Advisor, and parent**
- **Andrew Jones, Wrestling Coach, Havertown Police Officer, and parent**
- **Joe Hoban, Wrestling coach and parent**



Bringing Hope Home



- This was the best year EVER and the highest amount that a school has ever raised for Bringing Hope Home! We raised over $132,900!! There is a chance that number could continue growing as any employer matches are received over the next few months as well.
- THANK YOU for continuing to be an absolute light in our community!!!

Seussical

- **Select the show you want to purchase tickets for**
  - **Friday, May 1st, 7 pm**
  - **Saturday, May 2nd, 2pm**



Potter Cup

- **Hosted by HMS this year**
- **Only HMS staff and students attend**
- **Thursday, May 7th from 9:30 – 1:30 PM**
- **Expectations and PBIS matrix**
  - Monday during Morning Message
  - PPT will be emailed home
  - Must wear Potter Cup T-Shirt to attend. The T-shirts cannot be altered
  - Face paint (only ¼ of the face) and other hype additions to add spirit are encouraged!
- **Events**
  - Alex's Lemonade stand
  - Athletic events for PIAA teams
  - Bounce carnival
  - Philadelphia Union Zone
  - Indoor chess & 24 tournament
- **Lunch**





6th Grade Camp Canadensis





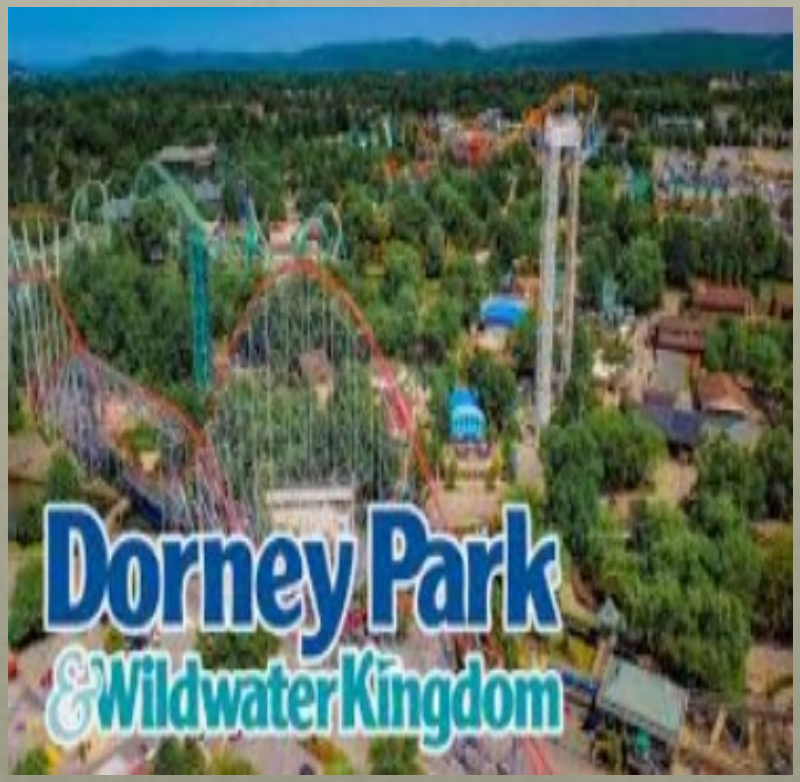






- Camp Information
- May 12th – Medication drop off from 9:00 – 2:00 PM
- May 13th – Cabin selection
- May 14th - Medication drop off from 4:00 – 6:00 PM
- May 22nd – Student Camp Meeting

7th Grade Dorney Park Trip



- **Permission Slip & Trip Cost**
  - Cost of trip - $110 – Due by Friday, May 1st
  - Look for MySchool Bucks email invoice
- **Date & Transportation**
  - Tuesday, June 9th
  - Leave after homeroom attendance at 9:00 AM
  - Luxury buses
  - Return approximately at 6:00 PM
- **Students…**
  - must wear HMS trip t-shirt
  - are permitted to engage in recreational activities of their choice within the park, provided they adhere to school guidelines and respect public property
  - will have regular check ins with staff
- **Please visit the Dorney Park website to get information on downloading the park mobile app, map, and information on food and drink options. Dorney Park is a cashless park but offers cash to card kiosks for students that will need to utilize them. Information about the cashless policy can be found here.**
- **We will review our plan and expectations with the students before the trip**

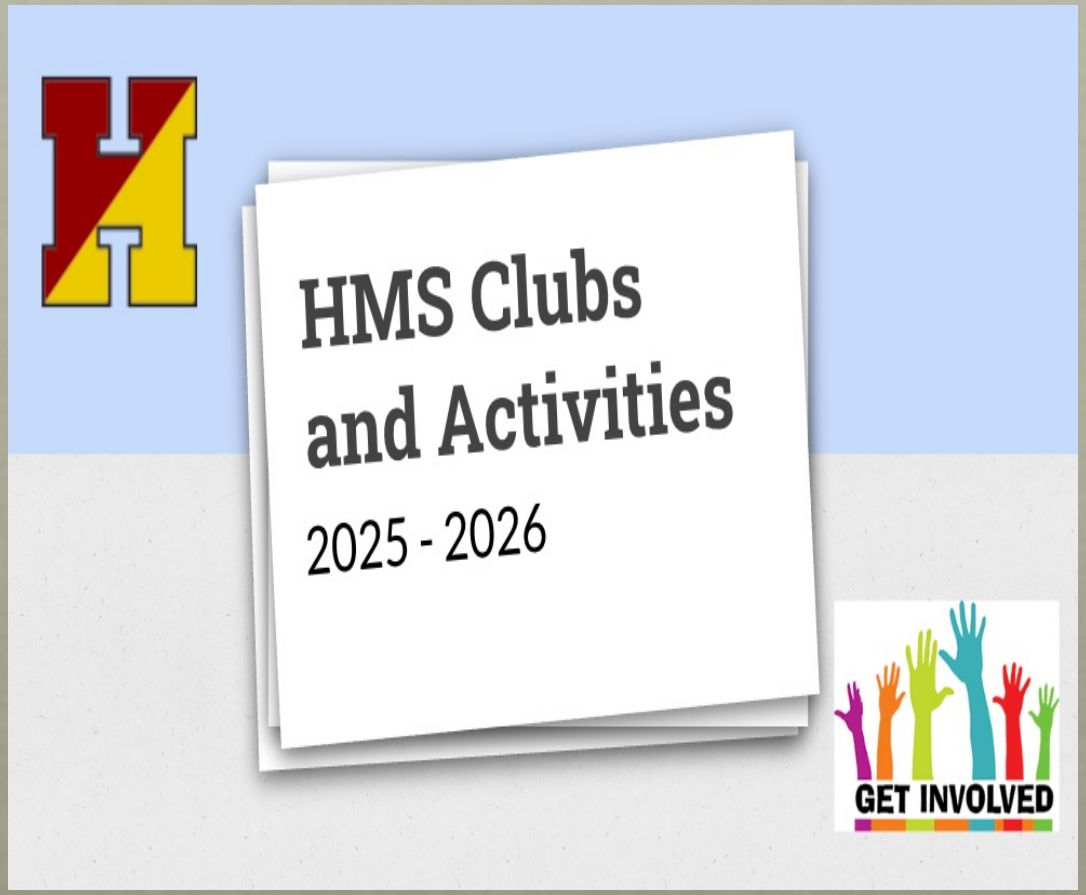
8th Grade Hersheypark Trip

- **Permission Slip & Trip Cost**
  - Cost of trip - $110 – Due by Friday, May 1st
  - Look for MySchool Bucks email invoice
- **Date & Transportation**
  - Monday, June 15th
  - Leave after homeroom attendance at 8:30 AM
  - Luxury buses
  - Return approximately at 6:00 PM
- **Students…**
  - must wear HMS trip t-shirt
  - are permitted to engage in recreational activities of their choice within the park, provided they adhere to school guidelines and respect public property
  - will have regular check ins with staff
- **Please visit the Hershey Park website to get information on downloading the park mobile app, map, and information on food and drink options. Hershey Park is a cashless park but offers cash to card kiosks for students that will need to utiliize them. Information about the cashless policy can be found here.**
- **We will review our plan and expectations with the students before the trip**



Clubs & Activities

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



7th & 8th Grade PIAA Athletics



- ATHLETICS
- Athletics Manual
- Family ID is open for Spring sports
- Eligibility report will be run this Monday
- Support staff
  - Stephanie Viola, Athletic Supervisor
    - Spring sports information
  - Lindsey Smith, Athletic & Afterschool Activities Advisor

Student Government

This week's lunch menu:





















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

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

&

Jewish Heritage Month

Heritage Months

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

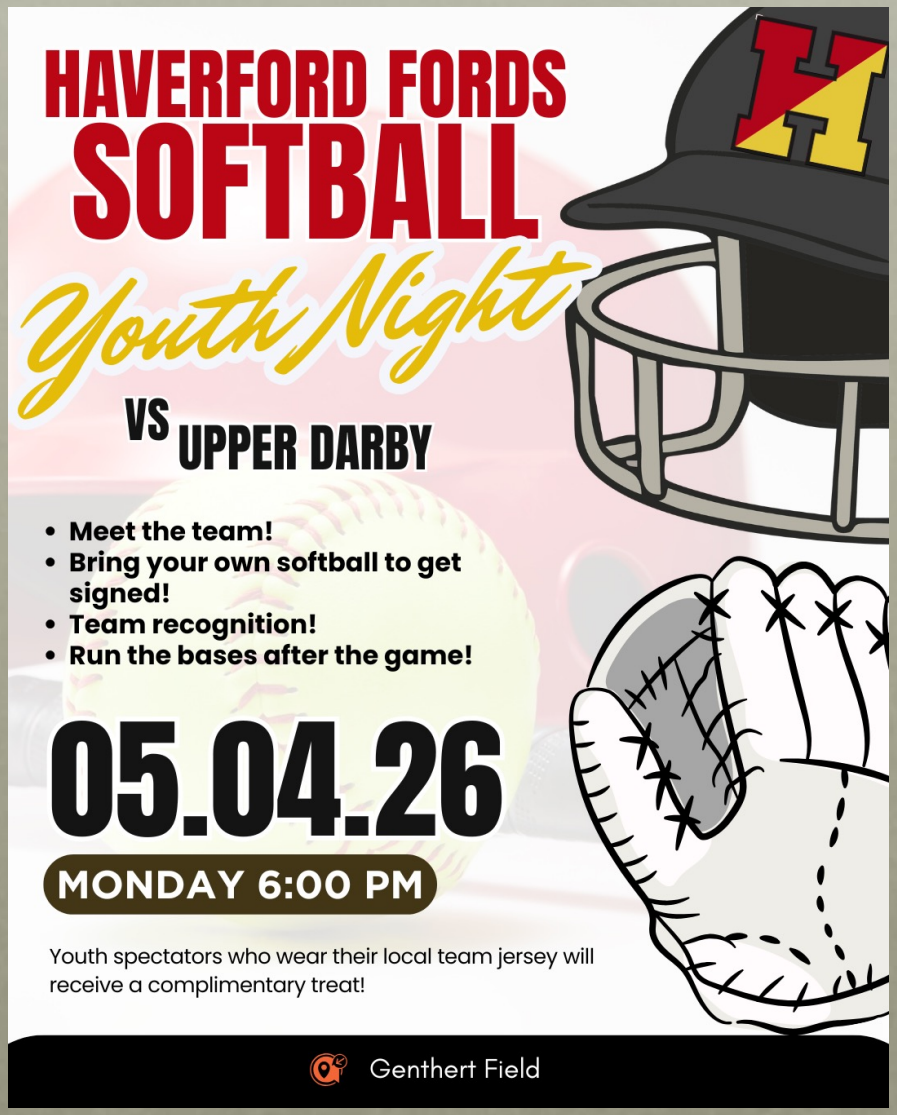


Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA)

- Parent Notification letter
- Electronic Device Letter
- FAQ Letter
- **Science – 8th grade only**
  - May 5th & 6th
- **Keystone Algebra**
  - May 14th & 15th



HHS Softball Youth Night



May Dates

- May 5th & 6th……..…..Science PSSA in the AM for 8th Grade
- May 7th……..……Potter Cup
- May 5th-7th……..District Art Show
- May 8th……..…7th & 8th grade and High School Orchestra Spring Concert
- May 11th…….……7th & 8th grade Spring Band Concert
- May 12th……..…… 7th & 8th grade Spring Coral Concert
- May 14th…….……6th grade Spring Choral Concert
- May 14th & 15th……..……Keystone Algebra Assessment
- May 19th……..……..…In-service Day / No school for students
- May 21st……..6th grade Instrumental Music and Jazz Fords Spring Concert
- May 25th…….Holiday – Schools and offices closed
- May 27th & 28th……..6th grade Camp Canadensis Trip

Book Fair

Scholastic Book Fair at the HMS LIBRARY

Monday, 6/1 – Friday, 6/5

Apple Pay, Credit, and Cash Accepted



8th Grade Promotion & Awards



- **Promotion Communication email from Dr. Hollenbeck**
  - Promotion
  - Dance
  - Hersheypark trip
- **Recognition & Promotion Certificate**
- **Awards**
  - Presidential Gold & Silver
  - Content area performance and progress
  - D. Ray Yerger Award for music
  - Rev Up for Success Award
- **Each year, we honor students with the following school awards. Please consider nominating your child or another student for one of these awards. Nomination forms must be submitted before Friday, May 22nd.**
  - Carol Restifo Humanitarian Award
  - Michael Bianco School Spirit Award
  - George Ramplin Commitment to Equity Award
  - Haverford Middle School Team Leader Challenge Award
  - Pupil Services Peer Act of Kindness Award

District Art Show





-PRIDE!