

Moments at the Middle School

From Dr. Lux and Mr. Rice

October 16, 2026

Good morning HMS Families,

It was wonderful to see so many students and staff wearing pink today in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month! Thank you for helping us show support for such an important cause. As we look ahead to next week, we have a few important reminders about our upcoming PTO Halloween Dance on Friday, October 23, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. Students are encouraged to wear costumes! Please do not drop students off before 6:00 p.m. During pickup, we ask for your patience as we work to ensure every student gets home safely. Student safety is our top priority, and students are not permitted to leave on foot under any circumstances. This includes walking home, walking to the Community Center, or walking to meet parents at the stadium, McDonald's, or another parking lot. To help speed up dismissal, please display a sign with the names of all students you are picking up as you drive toward the school. We also encourage families to carpool whenever possible to help reduce dismissal time. Finally, students may wear their costumes to school on Friday, October 30. Please remember that all costumes must comply with the school dress code as outlined in the Student Handbook. Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us make these Halloween activities fun, smooth, and safe for everyone!

Also, please remember that we will hold our yearly Evacuation Drill to Fridley Field on Wednesday, October 21st, with a rain date of Friday, October 23rd. The drill will take place in the morning. Please note that traffic around the school will be restricted during that time. Please avoid dropping students off or picking up for early dismissals during that time if possible. If your student must leave for an early dismissal on Wednesday morning, please email hmsattendance@ht-sd.org.

-Dr. Lux & Mr. Rice

This Week's PBIS Winners!



Evacuation Drill on 10/21

We will be holding our yearly required Evacuation Drill on Wednesday, October 21st at 8:40 am with a weather backup date of Friday, October 23rd. This year, we will be practicing an evacuation to the stadium.

We held our grade level student meetings this week with Officer Good this week in tutorial. During that time, we explained the standard response protocols for emergency situations. We also emphasized the importance of online safety and the Safe2Say program. To learn more about Safe2Say, please click on the links below:
<https://www.safe2saypa.org/>

PTO Halloween Dance on Friday, 10/23

Our PTO is planning a Halloween dance for all HMS students on Friday, October 23rd from 6-8 p.m. at the cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door. The tickets will be sold during lunches Oct. 20, 21, 22, and 23. ***Don't forget your costumes!*** There will be prizes awarded to the best costumes.

Halloween Dress-Up: 10/30

We would like to invite students to dress up at school for Halloween on Friday, October 30th. Costumes must follow all of our handbook guidelines for school dress. Students should not wear masks or bring look-a-like weapons. Costumes must be tasteful and should not cause a distraction for other students.

Enrichment Studios & Next Week's Activities

We have many interesting enrichment opportunities and studios at Hampton Middle School – Maker Studio, Print Studio, and Robotics Studio. These studios will be open to all students in the morning from 7:30 to 7:50 am. In addition, the enrichment studios will be open during the tutorial periods. Please reach out to Dr. Survinski, HMS enrichment teacher, with any questions: survinski@ht-sd.org. Also, please see the calendar below for when the enrichment studios are open to students during tutorial.



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7th pd.	6th grade - 2 nd half of pd. robotics studio	6th grade PRINT STUDIO Maker Studio	8th grade PRINT STUDIO Maker Studio robotics studio WELLNESS WEDNESDAY	6th grade - those designated math enrichment robotics studio	6th grade - 2 nd half of pd. Maker Studio
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8th Grade Enrichment on Wednesdays

Every Wednesday, all students in 8th grade have a tutorial, and we have many enrichment options open to them! Starting next Wednesday, our 8th grade students will be able to choose an enrichment activity or academic tutorial to attend via a Sign-up Genius link. This “**What I Need**” model will help our students to think about their current needs and then choose a program that is meaningful to them – math help, science help, history help, ELA help, Wellness Wednesday (a phys ed activity in the gym or fitness center – such as Mountain Biking last week), Maker Studio Enrichment, Robotics Studio Enrichment, Chess, Print Studio, etc. Each week, the enrichment offerings will vary! We are starting this program to help prepare them for the high school “Lunch and Learn” program, where students have choices on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Please click on the link below to view the Enrichment Newsletter for October. We also have a link to the HMS Enrichment website.

October Enrichment Newsletter

HMS Enrichment Website (updated monthly)

Enrichment 10/19-10/23

- **October 19**- Sphero Mazes (7th Period only), Robotics Studio
- **October 20**- Scrabble & Chess (7th Period only), Maker Studio
- **October 22**- Data Science (7th Period only), Robotics Studio
- **October 23**- Sphero Mazes (7th Period only), Maker Studio

HMS Fall School Counseling Newsletter

https://drive.google.com/file/d/191ef5SldAG8Sedspvkk_JpLegSAbG_5/view?usp=sharing

October Library Newsletter:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1t8rm_Ptud4RpgMiD5WcZoysIz53DvsTD/view?usp=sharing

HTSD Winter Athletics

Winter athletic registration is open. All information can be found on the website at the link below.

[HTSD Athletic Healthy Roster Information](#)

Upcoming Reminders for October/November:

- **Evacuation Drill to Stadium** - Wednesday, 10/21 (rain date 10/23)
- **Q1 Grading Period Ends** - Friday, 10/23
- **PTO Halloween Dance** - Friday, 10/23, 6-8 pm
- **Halloween Dress-Up Day at School** - Friday, 10/30 (must be school appropriate and meet the dress code)
- **No School for Students** - Monday, 11/2
- **Reports Cards Available Online** - Thursday, 11/5
- **Advisory** - Thursday, 11/5
- **Advisory** - Wednesday, 11/18
- **HMS Musical** - Thursday, 11/19 at 7 pm, Friday, 11/20 at 7 pm, & Saturday, 11/21 at 1 pm and 7 pm
- **Be the Change Day (7th Grade)** - Tuesday, 11/24
- **No School - Thanksgiving Break** - Thursday, 11/26 and Friday, 11/27

Upcoming Clubs/Activities:

- **Drama Club** - Please see Drama Club Calendar or Band App
- **Yearbook Club** (Session 2)-Monday, 10/19, 2:45-3:30 pm, room F603
- **Book Club (6th Grade)**- Tuesday, 10/20, 6th Grade Lunch, room F601/F602
- **Spontaneous Problem Solving Club**- Tuesday, 10/20, 2:45-3:45 pm, room D415
- **Digital Design Club**-Tuesday, 10/20, 2:45-3:45 pm, Maker Studio
- **Bible Club**- Wednesday, 10/21, 7:30-7:45 am, Talbot Treehouse
- **Helping Hands Club**- Thursday, 10/22, 2:45-3:30 pm, room G706
- **Creative Writing Club**- Thursday, 10/22, 3:00-4:00 pm, room H803
- **Art Club**- Thursday, 10/22, 2:45-4:00 pm, room B209
- **Homework Club** - M-Th, 2:45-3:45 pm, room H802
- **Math Lab** - M-Th, 2:45-3:45 pm, room D403

Other News & Community Flyers

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Get ready for a night of fun at the HMS PTO Halloween Dance on **Friday, October 23rd, from 6:00–8:00 PM!**

 **Tickets are \$5 in advance** and can be purchased through the HMS PTO website or during lunch on October 20th-23rd. Tickets will be **\$10 cash at the door.**

Students are encouraged to come dressed in their favorite school-appropriate Halloween costume or festive attire. There will be prizes!

We're also looking for **volunteers and donations** to help make the evening a success. Visit the HMS PTO website for tickets, volunteer opportunities, and the Halloween Dance wish list.

 **Head to the [HMS PTO website](#) for all the details!**

 **POP-UP SHOP: POPCORN!** 

Our next HMS PTO Pop-Up Shop is **Tuesday, October 13th during lunch** in the HMS cafeteria!

Pre-ordered popcorn will be available for pickup, plus a **limited quantity will be available for purchase for \$2. Cash only, please!**

And don't forget—our next Pop-Up Shop is **Tuesday, November 10th featuring CUPCAKES!** 

 **PTO Leadership Volunteers Needed!**

The HMS PTO is **desperately seeking a Vice President and Communications Secretary** to join our team! These are important roles that help keep our PTO running smoothly and our families informed. If you're willing to lend your time, talents, and ideas, we'd love to have you join us!  

 Interested or have questions? Please reach out to **hamptonmiddleschoolpto@gmail.com**