October 23, 2026

Hello HMS Families,

I hope everyone had a great week!

Over the next few weeks you will be hearing and seeing more information about Fulton County Schools' next Capital Plan 2032 and the projects that will improve our schools.

On November 3, 2026, Fulton citizens will vote on whether or not to continue ESPLOST as the funding source for these projects. For those unfamiliar, ESPLOST is the one-penny education sales tax that has funded new and replacement school construction, additions and renovations, technology innovations, transportation upgrades and safety improvements in our school system.

Fulton County Schools has created a special webpage with information about Capital Plan 2032 and ESPLOST at www.fultonschools.org/ESPLOST. We encourage you to visit that page to view information about school projects as well as general information about districtwide improvements.

News and Notes:

- School Calendar Reminder – Tuesday, November 3rd is a Remote Learning Day for students due to the use of several FCS school buildings as election sites. Look for some information about our expectations for kids in next week's notes. For planning purposes, students will not be required to complete any work/tasks at specific times, so please feel free to plan your day with your kids as you see fit!

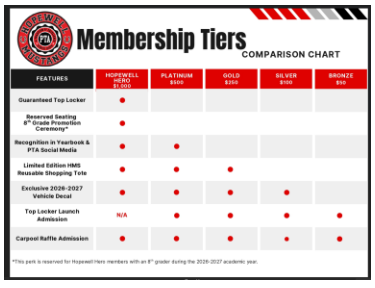
- School photos are available! If you would like to view and or order your child's school portrait, click here: https://shop.jostenspix.com/login

- Did you know free & reduced-price meal applications benefit your family and your school? Families may qualify for free or reduced-price school breakfast & lunch. A NEW application must be completed for the 2026-2027 school year.

  If you have not completed a Free and Reduced application for SY26-27, had a change in income or had an increase in household size, please take this opportunity to complete an application. Free & Reduced Meal Applications are available online at www.myschoolapps.com.

PTA:

- **HOPEWELL PTA - JOIN TODAY to support ALL YEAR LONG!**



It's not too late! Our PTA provides support all year long for students, staff, and the school as a whole. We fund these programs and activities through your Membership and our generous Business Partners!

>> Join Today! <<

- **Hopewell Middle School Swag - Get Yours Now!**



- **Support HMS and Hope House!**

  We are excited to announce an ongoing donation drive benefiting Hope for Domestic Violence through Hope House. This is a great way to contribute to a meaningful cause and support women and children affected by domestic violence.

  Instead of scheduling pickups, we've set up a convenient drop-off location (outside cafetria windows) where you can donate anytime! Help us raise funds and awareness for this important mission, with the potential to raise around $200 per month, depending on the generosity of our community.

School Activities:

- Yearbook! – The yearbook staff needs your help! We are looking for photos of Mustangs outside of school. Sports photos, vacation photos, family traditions/holidays, or even just Mustangs hanging around with friends. We are also looking for pictures of students and/or families from information day or the first day of school. We would like to capture as many students as possible. You can upload your photos at your convenience. This link will remain open until March. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Karen Allen: allenk2@fultonschools.org

  The link: https://photos.jostens.com/6PCGTM

- **Yearbook Student Recognition Ads** - 8th Grade Parents ONLY: Now is the time to recognize your child at the end of the yearbook. Normally it includes a favorite picture and a special message to them. THESE ADS HAVE A DEADLINE: DECEMBER 18!!! The deadline will NOT be extended. Please make sure you complete this ad if you want to recognize your child.

  Link: https://www.jostens.com/yearbooks/students-and-parents/yearbook-ads#affiliate

Other Information:

- Cambridge Trunk or Treat Event!



- Alpharetta High School is hosting part two of a two-part parent workshop series, "The AI Generation: Parenting with Confidence in a Digital Age," designed to provide practical, research-informed information and strategies for families on November 10, 2026. AHS AI Talk Flier

  Workshop Info:
  - Part 2: November 10, 2026 | 6:00-7:30 PM *Technology platforms, ethical AI use, and healthy digital habits*
  - Location: Alpharetta High School Auditorium
  - Topics include AI and teen mental health, online safety, social media influence, Roblox, Discord, Character AI, screen time strategies, and practical family conversations about technology.

- Consider IA!



General Reminders:

- If your child needs to leave school early, send them to the Front Office in the morning with a note from you. This makes the whole process easier and more efficient and prevents us from having to disrupt their class when it's time for them to leave.

- If you need to check your child out of school early, **please remember we do not allow checkouts after 3:30**! In addition, the Front Office closes at 5:00, so please do not expect anyone to answer the phones or be there to buzz you in unless there is an evening activity.

- If your child is going to be absent all day, please email HMSAttendance@fultonschools.org, and feel free to attach documents explaining the absence.

Thanks so much for your support of our school!

Sincerely,

Michael LeMoyne
Principal – Hopewell Middle School