Moments at the Middle School

From Dr. Lux and Mr. Rice
November 6, 2026

Dear HMS Parents,

Next Wednesday, November 11th, is Veteran's Day. Yesterday in our Advisory period, our students spent time learning about Veteran's Day and the great sacrifices our veterans have made for the freedoms we enjoy in our country. Our sixth graders focused on patriotism, including the symbolism behind the American flag and details surrounding the Pledge of Allegiance. Our seventh graders had an opportunity to submit a picture and details of a family member or friend who served our country; during Advisory, the students watched a special video of all of the veterans and their stories. The students also learned about our former "Hampton Heroes" who were recognized during the Hampton Heroes yearly program.

Our yearly Hampton Heroes program will take place on Tuesday, 11-10. This year, it is being organized by our elementary principals; therefore, students in grades 3-5 will attend the program. Next year, the middle school will take the lead on planning the program and our middle school students will attend!

We hope you enjoy a wonderful weekend,
Dr. Lux and Mr. Rice

This Week's PBIS Winners!



Student tutors from HHS will travel down to HMS to provide help to students during 8th grade lunch; they will be able to review concepts, answer questions, help revise writing, or prepare for assessments. Parents or students in 8th grade will need to sign up in advance to reserve a spot via Sign-up Genius! This will help ensure we have enough tutors available! The sign-up link will be sent to parents in the weekly parent email from the HMS principals and to 8th grade students on the weekly enrichment Google Classroom. You can expect to see the Sign-up Genius on Friday, November 20th.

Student Council Donation Drive ~ November 3rd - 11th

Get ready for **3-2-1-HELP**, Student Council's annual donation drive!

From November 3–11, we'll be collecting food, hygiene products, clothing, and other essentials to support Northside Common Ministries, a Pittsburgh shelter for men experiencing homelessness.

Bring your donations to your history class, where items will earn 1, 2, or 3 points depending on what you donate. The winning team will earn a Tutorial Trivia Day with candy prizes!

Support your team, support a great cause, and maybe win a prize in the process! Let's make a difference, HMS!



Outdoor Recreation Space Opening Soon!

The countdown is on! 8 more school days to go!

We are thrilled to announce that our Outdoor Recreation Space will open to students on Thursday, 11/19. We will hold a special ribbon cutting ceremony on 11/18 at 11:30 am. The 8 students who are now at the high school will lead a presentation to our HTSD Administration,

Board of School Directors, HAEE Board, and PTO Board on the design, funding, and build of the space. Following that presentation, they will move outside to the Recreation Space to officially "cut the ribbon." We are excited to open up the Outdoor Recreation Space to HMS students on 11/19.

The new Outdoor Recreation Space can safely accommodate up to 40 students at one time. Therefore, we will offer this opportunity to our students on a rotating basis, by lunch table. Students may eat outside and/or enjoy fresh air and play games with friends. The space includes a Gaga Ball pit, four-square, volleyball, corn hole, reading materials, in addition to benches and tables. This will be a fun retreat for our 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.

November Enrichment Newsletter

HMS Enrichment Website (updated monthly)

HMS School Counseling Corner Fall 26 Newsletter

Please take a moment to read the School Counseling Office Newsletter by clicking on the link below. Mrs. Kampmeyer and Mrs. Wike are here to support the students and work with all of you to ensure your students are successful academically and supported socially and emotionally.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/19q96LqIrFCKE7Lanfuo7oR3lugHappAu/view?usp=sharing

November Library Newsletter:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oKjC2gUrKlaj8r0aHRj1x5RzblDTkUPT/view?usp=sharing

Upcoming Reminders for November:

- 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:

- Yearbook (Session 2)- Monday, 11/9, 2:45-3:30 pm, room F603

- Best Buddies- Monday, 11/9, 2:45-3:45 pm, room F604
- Helping Hands Club- Tuesday, 11/10, 2:45-3:45 pm, room G706
- German Club- Tuesday, 11/10, 2:45-3:45 pm, room D408
- Student Council- Wednesday, 11/11, 2:45-3:45 pm, room F605
- French Club- Thursday, 11/12, 2:45-4:00 pm, room D416
- HMS Voices- Friday 11/13, 2:45-4:00 pm, room B211
- 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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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

HMS PTO News

💙💛 HMS PTO Spirit Wear Sale – Order by November 6th!

Show your Talbot pride! The HMS PTO Spirit Wear Store is open through Friday, November 6th, at 11:59 PM EST. Spirit wear makes a great holiday gift! Shop Spiritwear Here

🧁 Cupcake Pop-Up Shop – Pre-Order by November 5th!

The HMS PTO Cupcake Pop-Up Shop is Tuesday, November 10th! Pre-order 1, 6, or 12 cupcakes in chocolate, vanilla, or half & half. Orders close Thursday, November 5th, at 11:59 PM. Visit the HMS PTO website and go to Events → Pop-Up Shop to order!