

HAMMOND MIDDLE SCHOOL
VIKING TIMES
March 9, 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 13	MAP winter reports given to students
March 14 and 15	MISA testing for 8 th grade students
March 16	PBIS dance
March 19	Symphonic Band assessment
March 21	Concert Band Adjudication
March 27	International Day

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LET'S DANCE - The PBIS program is hosting a dance on Friday, March 16, from 7 to 9 pm. All Hammond Middle School students are invited. Everyday during homeroom students can request songs from the DJ. During the dance there will be refreshments for sale in the cafeteria (50 cents per item). The permission slip and \$5 admission charge should be turned in to homeroom teachers on or before March 16. Permission slips and money for the dance **will not** be accepted at the door. All permission slips must be turned in during the school day. More detailed information is available on the permission slip. If your child has lost their permission slip, more are available in the front office or can be printed [here](#). Questions may be directed to joanne_topping@hcpss.org. We look forward to seeing our students at the dance!

INTRAMURAL OPPORTUNITY - Girls on the Run (GOTR) starts the week of March 18. We meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00- 4:15pm! The program is a great opportunity for girls to focus on their body, mind, spirit, heart and social aspects of their life. The girls will participate in activities and practice running for our end of season 5k! Please click [here](#) for more information and registration. Financial assistance is available!

MISA - Eighth grade students will be taking the MISA (Maryland Integrated Science Assessment) on March 14 and 15.

Looking for **SUMMER LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES** for Middle and High School Students? Want to meet the 2 students running for Student Member of the Board of Education? All students welcome Wednesday, March 14 from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Board of Education 10910 Clarksville Pike Ellicott City, MD 21042 For more information please contact Cindy Drummond at cindy_drummond@hcpss.org or visit www.hcasc.hcpss.org

INCLEMENT WEATHER MAKE-UP DAYS: Schools now will be in session on April 4, 5, and 6. On May 18, school will be in session with a 3-hour early dismissal. These days are being used to make up for the four inclement weather days schools were closed.

RELATED ARTS

Just a reminder that our A/B day classes are not at the interim point because we've only had half the number of classes as our every-day colleagues. Our interims will be printed on the Q3 report cards. Nevertheless, be sure to check in with your teachers about missing work!

Orchestra

Congratulations to the **HMS Philharmonia**. They performed at the Howard County Orchestra Assessments where they received scores and feedback from four judges. The orchestra received superior ratings from all of the judges and received a letter grade of A in 26 out of 28 categories.

The **HMS Chamber Orchestra** performed at the Howard County Orchestra Adjudication. They received written feedback from three judges and then participated in a clinic where one of the judges worked with them on skills and technique. The Chamber Orchestra did a fantastic job! Congratulations!!

Visual Arts

Ameera Cotton and **Sophia Cramer** will be recognized for their artwork at a reception on March 13 at 5 pm. The reception will be held at the Miller Branch of the Howard County Library.

On March 15, from 5-7 pm, **Jackson Wethington**, **Julia Chen** and **Allyson Geraghty** will be recognized for their artwork at the Howard County Center for the Arts.

6TH GRADE

The sixth grade team would like to remind our parents that progress reports were issued on Thursday, March 8. Please check your child's yellow folder for the report and, refer to CANVAS, if you have any questions.

We would also like to remind our parents that the PBIS dance registration is still open. The dance will be held in the HMS gymnasium on Friday, March 16, from 7 - 9 p.m.

Parents please check your child's binder and re-stock any supplies that are missing. Many of our teachers are seeing a rise in the number of students coming to school without pencils or loose-leaf paper.

Finally, the date for all late work to be turned in is Monday, April 9. Please refer to CANVAS frequently over the next few weeks and make sure all missing assignments are turned in by the April 9 deadline. We will not accept any late, or missing, assignments after that date.

Thank you for your continued support!

7TH GRADE

Social Studies

Students have concluded their stay in Europe, and have now crossed over the Atlantic to study life in Latin America. Students spent the first portion of the quarter practicing their geographical reasoning skills by mapping out political and physical features of Central America, the Caribbean, and South America. The historical portion of the quarter will focus on the ancient civilizations of the Mayans, Incans, and the Aztecs, European conquest, and contemporary issues facing the region. Students will also be looking forward to our rescheduled field trip to Medieval Times on Friday, March 23.

8TH GRADE

MISA (Maryland Integrated Science Assessment) testing will take place next week, Wednesday the 14th and Thursday the 15th. Students will be in testing from 10am-noon for this federally mandated science exam. Please be mindful when scheduling appointments, have students get a good night's sleep and eat breakfast on the morning of testing.

Please consider re-stocking students' school supplies of paper, pencils, pens and folders. Is it time for a new binder to replace the one that has a bit of wear and tear? Thanks!

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come to **ATHOLTON HIGH SCHOOL'S ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL NIGHT** on March 12 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm! Enjoy free food from around the world alongside live entertainment! Atholton High School wants to offer a unique cultural experience to all prospective Raiders. All are welcome! Questions? Please email jessiewang72@gmail.com

Atholton HS Fall Athletics:

Any incoming 9th grade student who would like to tryout for a fall sport next year (2018-2019 school year), please note that tryouts begin on Wednesday, August 8. Students must attend all tryouts. Practices will begin immediately after teams are selected. Please plan vacation time accordingly. For more information, contact Michael Senisi, Atholton Athletics and Activities Manager, at Michael_Senisi@hcpss.org

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