

**HAMMOND MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**VIKING TIMES**  
**April 13, 2018**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Friday, April 13	3-hour early dismissal – Viking Day
Friday, April 20	6 <sup>th</sup> grade walking field trip
April 23 – 30	6 <sup>th</sup> grade PARCC testing
Tuesday, April 24	8 <sup>th</sup> grade field trip – GVOLC & Shakespeare
Wednesday, April 25	7 <sup>th</sup> grade field trip – Robinson Nature Center
Thursday, April 26	8 <sup>th</sup> grade field trip – GVOLC & Shakespeare
Friday, April 27	Film Festival field trip

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Parents, please remind your children that they need to leave the school property at dismissal. This includes early-dismissal days. Students are only allowed to be in the building or at the basketball hoops and fields, if they are under the supervision of a Hammond Middle School staff member.

**\*\*IMPORTANT – IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS for 2018-2019 7<sup>th</sup> graders\*\***

Effective the first day of school, 2018-2019, 1 dose of Tdap vaccine and 1 dose of Meningococcal vaccine will be required by the state of Maryland for all students entering Grade 7. If we DO NOT receive proof of immunization, your child will be excluded from school. Many students may have already received these immunizations, but the Health Room may not have the updated immunization record. Please contact your child's doctor and send/fax in an updated copy of your child's immunizations to the Health Room. Our fax # is (240) 456-0391.

If you have further questions, please call the health room at (410) 880-5836.

Thank you! Robin Frick, RN

**RELATED ARTS**

You will find both letter grades and numerical percentages on your child's report card. Letter grades are for classes that meet every day, whereas percentages are for classes that meet every-other day. If you see a letter grade, it's a final Quarter 3 grade; if you see a percentage, it's an interim grade. That means there's still time to work on those scores!

## **Health**

Students in Health are beginning a new unit. In 8th grade they began focusing on personal safety including sexual harassment and learning about the new consent law in Maryland; in 7th grade they will be exploring the impact of alcohol and alcoholism on the student and community, and in 6th grade they began the first aid unit including how to perform CPR and the choking maneuver along with other major injury care.

## **Orchestra**

Chamber Orchestra shirt forms and payments are due April 18.

Kings Dominion forms and payments are due April 20. Thank you to all of the parents who have volunteered to chaperone!

May 19 - Kings Dominion Trip

May 30 - Orchestra Concert at Hammond High School 7PM

## **Physical Education**

On Wednesday, May 23 at 5:50 pm Howard County's Most Improved students will be recognized on the Bowie Baysox field before the 6:35 pm game. Please bring your family out for an evening of fun while celebrating our HMS nominated students. Tickets may be obtained via online or at the gate.

## **Visual Art**

Congratulations to the following students, whose artwork was selected for the 2018 "Mall Panel." You can see their work at the Columbia Mall from April 10-21.

- Anna Beer
- Natalie Biederman
- Emily Chandler
- Briley Clark
- Alex Cosner
- Sophia Cramer
- Jonathon Daigle
- Ben Diel
- Bryan Dugan
- Luke Edwards
- Robert Flowers
- Logan Forrest
- Marcos Garcia Martinez
- Kebron Gebreegziabher
- Allyson Geraghty
- Eli Glenn
- Anthony Graham
- Stephon Harris
- Aaron Haywood
- Sophie Hogue
- Cambel Howard
- Michael Kouroupis
- Martin Kravchenko
- Morgan Lane
- David Larson
- Jason Lilly
- Kaitlyn Mai
- Ellie Marshall
- Maddie Martin
- Ashley Mason
- Fatoumata Miknas
- Amanda Minino
- Luke Nelson
- Kamilyah Omar-Jones
- Jackie Ramos Rodriguez
- Justyce Richard
- Sammy Richmond
- Summer Rothrock
- Katelyn Sanchez
- Julia Steinberg
- Ben Tueguo
- Erin Whitney

## **6TH GRADE**

The Sixth Grade Team would like to congratulate our wonderful students for a successful third quarter! This grading period ended today, Friday, April 13. All missing work should have been turned in at the beginning of the week. Parents and students are encouraged to refer to CANVAS to check grades and assignments throughout the quarter, as they are posted regularly.

PARCC testing is looming for our students! We will be administering the standardized PARCC test from April 23 – April 30. We encourage parents to make sure students are getting a good night's rest and come to school on time, prepared to do their best!

The Science Department will be conducting their Earth Day field trip to the Hammond Park Stream. The field trip will take place on Friday, April 20.

Again, congratulations on having completed three-quarters of our school year. The fourth quarter may pose challenges as “spring fever” hits and the warm weather reminds us all of the upcoming summer break! Hopefully we can all keep “it” together, and work together, to ensure our students stay focused and continue performing at high levels until we reach that last day of school.

Finally, as always, we thank you for your continued support! HMS teachers, students, and parents are the best!

## **7TH GRADE**

This month 7th grade students are learning about the principles of genetics and how knowledge of genetics can help to feed the world. As a part of their learning, students will dissect a flower in order to learn how flowering plants (like rice) reproduce. Students will also attend the Robinson Nature Center for a field trip on Wednesday, April 25. At the nature center students will learn about invasive plant species and their impact on the environment. Please make sure that your student wears comfortable shoes and dresses in layers. We will be outside, rain or shine!

## **8TH GRADE**

### **FIELD TRIPS ARE COMING!**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trips are scheduled for Tuesday, April 24, and Thursday, April 26, and entail two very exciting opportunities to enrich the 8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum. Students will be assigned groups based on the high schools they are scheduled to attend next year. One day they travel to see Romeo & Juliet performed live onstage, and on the other day they have a chance to bond with their high school classmates at Genesee Valley. It is critical that we receive permission slips for students ASAP. If financial assistance is required, please contact Mr. Doody at [Christopher\\_Doody@hcpss.org](mailto:Christopher_Doody@hcpss.org)

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Atholton High School Athletic Boosters Summer Sports Camps**

Get ready for fall tryouts or just have fun at one of our many sports camps. Ages 10 thru incoming freshmen. Tuition cost for camp \$145. Tuition includes a Raider t-shirt, individual skills testing, specialized instruction from Atholton's Varsity Coaches. For more information please contact: Mona Weinberg 410-446-7784 or [mona\\_weinberg@hcpss.org](mailto:mona_weinberg@hcpss.org).

Camp Schedule, Information, and Online Registration  
<http://atholtonboosters.org/athletics/summercamps/>

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