

HAMMOND MIDDLE SCHOOL
VIKING TIMES
May 18, 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday, May 18	3-hour early dismissal
Wednesday, May 23	5:45 pm Bowie Baysox game
Thursday, May 24	6:30 pm GT Enrichment Fair
Monday, May 28	School Closed – Memorial Day

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The last day of school is June 19, 2018.

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 7th 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who were nominated for the award of "Most Improved." They will receive a free ticket to the May 23, 2018, Bowie Baysox game where they will be recognized on the field at 5:50 pm, along with other Howard County students. Please bring your family and come out to the game wearing your HMS gear to celebrate our students. (All students need to be on the field by 5:30 pm.) Thank you for your never ending support of our students!

8th GRADE

Jayden Aduesi-Poku
Jase Adams
Emily Christman
Ethan Harris
Mahlon Lancaster
Harmani Livingston
Rebecca Oliveira
Colin Saylor
Damien Simpson

7th GRADE

Raqayah Bell
Alex Cosner
Luis Falcon
Andy Kim
Taliano King
Zahra Miknas
Brea Phinazee
Gabriel Porter
Summer Rothrock

Josir Russell

Garrett Walter
Madison Zook

6th GRADE

Anthony Graham
Naomi Jackson
Andrew Marr
Taylah Thompson
Cameron Whitehead

RELATED ARTS

Please note that you will not find your students' every-other-day Related Arts classes on their interim reports. Nevertheless, please review their grades in Canvas in anticipation of the end of the year, where we will be posting our classes' final grades.

Health Education

The students in Health have begun the Family Life and Human Sexuality unit. Permission slips are *not* needed for your child to attend. If you wish to opt-out your child from attending this unit, please either email your child's Health teacher or call the school and leave a message.

Thank you for your continued support,

Ms. Bond (tamara_bond@hcpss.org) and Mr. Rettaliata (dominic_rettaliata@hcpss.org)

Physical Education

HMS Dance Team performs at Reservoir High on Friday, May 18, at 7 pm and Saturday, May 19, at 4 pm. Tickets are available at the door.

6TH GRADE

The sixth grade team is happy to announce that we have successfully completed PARCC testing for the 2018 school year. It was a difficult six days for our students but they performed admirably and now can focus on closing out the school year successfully.

First, we would like to send out a sincere "thank you" to the HMS PTA for last week's teacher appreciation celebration. We were all overwhelmed by the gratitude shown by our parent community and it is something we do not take lightly. It means a lot to us for our parents to take time out of their busy schedules to show their appreciation for what we do!

We would also like to remind parents that many students are coming to school without the proper supplies. Even though we are getting close to the end of the school year there are many days left in this final quarter. We urge you to check your child's binder in order to replenish pencils and papers, if needed, in order to make it through to the end of this quarter.

Finally, we will be having our year end field day celebration on Wednesday, June 13. We will send out more information on what students should wear/bring for that day. We will also be asking for volunteers to assist us. A google sign-up sheet will be sent out within the next few days for interested parents to volunteer.

As always, thank you for your support throughout the year. Our community is what makes HMS the best place to work!

7TH GRADE

In science this month students are learning about how the environment impacts genetic traits in a population. Students have completed three simulations to explore the concepts of selection pressure and natural selection. Students will have a quiz on learning set 3 coming up on Friday, March 25. Please have your student check Canvas for a study guide and a quizlet practice.

Two additional dates for 7th grade activities are: Friday, June 15, is Career Day and Field Day is on Monday, June 18. More information and requests for volunteers will be forthcoming.

8TH GRADE

Come celebrate our 8th Graders! On Wednesday, June 13, at Hammond High School. Students should plan to arrive at 5:30 pm. Due to seating constraints and fire codes in the high school auditorium, students will be issued two (2) tickets for guests. There will be a procedure for requesting additional tickets, please stay tuned for more information.

Wow! It is hard to believe we are nearing the end of 8th grade!! On Wednesday, your child was given a permission form for the high school visitation on June 6. Signed permission forms are due back no later than Wednesday, May 30. Students are to turn in the forms to Mrs. Smith in Student Services.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hammond High School Booster Camps are open for enrollment.

Visit <http://www.hammondboosters.org/> for registration and a complete list of camps and dates. Each camp costs \$125.

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 at 410-446-7784 or mona_weinberg@hcpss.org.

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

Please visit the Community News and Programs page on the HCPSS website for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations. [\[SEP\]\(http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/\)](http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/)