

HAMMOND MIDDLE SCHOOL
VIKING TIMES
November 10, 2017

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday, November 13	6 AM Conference Registration closes 8 PM Band Concert @ Hammond HS
Wednesday, November 15	Hearing and Vision Screening American Education Day for 6 th grade
Thursday, November 16	American Education Day for 7 th grade
Friday, November 17	American Education Day for 8 th grade Report Cards Issued
Monday, November 20	Hoops for Hearts
November 20 – 22	Parent Teacher Conferences
November 22 – 24	School Closed for Students

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Parents:

We want to thank all the parents that attended Parent Engagement Night! We received a lot of positive feedback and hope to be able to host another one in the spring. A special thank you to the PTA for providing the delicious desserts for the evening.

Next week is American Education Week (November 13-17, 2017). American Education Week is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education. We have designated the following days for you to visit your child (6th Grade – Wednesday; 7th Grade – Thursday; and 8th Grade – Friday), however, if this does not work in your schedule, feel free to stop by on Monday or Tuesday.

As a reminder, you will be required to sign-in/check-in at the Front Office and should be wearing a visitor sticker at all times. Please note the following:

- All parents must sign-in/check-in in the front office to get a visitor's badge.
- You must have a valid driver's license or photo ID.
- Classes begin at 8:05am and end at 2:50pm.
- Parents may not park in the bus loop. You may park in the upper parking lot.
- For safety and liability purposes, and to avoid disruption to instruction, children not currently enrolled at HMS may not attend.

We hope to see you next week. Have a wonderful weekend!

Dr. Dale

6TH GRADE

Thank you to all of the chaperones who helped us with another successful year of Outdoor Education. The HMS staff can't thank you enough for the time, effort, and sacrifice that were given to, and for, our sixth graders this year. Thank you so much!

We are at the end of the first marking period. Please refer back to the grading policy for the sixth grade...a link can be found on any sixth grade educators CANVAS page.

These first couple of weeks of the second quarter will be busy! We have band, orchestra, and chorus concerts coming up! American Education Week...please feel free to stop by on Wednesday the 15th to see us! Parent Teacher Conferences on November 20 - 23. Please help your student stay on top of all work that may be missed due to these activities.

Thank you again for all you do to help ensure we can make your child's HMS experience a great one!

7TH GRADE

Social Studies

As we end first quarter we are finishing with our unit on the Roman Empire. For second quarter students will continue working with European geography (specifically Eastern Europe). They will also be working with higher level thinking skills such as “Geographic Reasoning” and “Historical Thinking.” The historical portion of the quarter will be focused on the Middle Ages. Topics such as, whether or not the Middle Ages should be known as the “Dark Ages” and the impact the Bubonic Plague had on Medieval Europe are lessons students will be looking into deeply. The seventh grade class will be making our annual trek to Medieval Times on Friday, December 15. This connects nicely with the curriculum and it is a field trip students have thoroughly enjoyed in the past.

8TH GRADE

US History

We are wrapping up the causes of the Revolutionary War and now we will be getting into what most students look forward to, the actual war. We will be covering the major players, events and battles. We will also analyze the Declaration of Independence and have discussions on how it connects with our modern history. The material for this unit will be taken from Chapter 5 sections 3-4 and Chapter 6. Please keep encouraging your child to study every night!

RELATED ARTS

Many Related Arts classes meet every other day. That means that for those classes, the students have only had half the amount of time with their teachers as in their everyday classes. Therefore, at the

end of Quarter 1, those Related Arts classes will be reporting their interim grades rather than final grades.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Howard County Student Member of the Board of Education (SMOB) Anna Selbrede will be holding an open forum for any and all HCPSS students to voice any questions, concerns, or just talk. Anna is happy to discuss anything from school lunches to sports to current political events to Harry Potter. The forum will be held at the Homewood School on November 8, from 6:30-7pm. If you can't make this month, you can come next time on December 13. Refreshments will be provided! If you'd like more information, email student_member@hcpss.org and don't forget to follow @Hocosmob on Instagram and Twitter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS

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