

HAMMOND MIDDLE SCHOOL
VIKING TIMES
November 22, 2017

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 22 – 24	School Closed for Students
November 29	Hearing & Vision rescreening
November 30	7 pm Orchestra/Chorus Concert @ HaHS
December 4-8	Hour of Code Week
December 7	6:30 pm Reflections Awards
December 11	7:00 pm Council of Elders Ceremony @ RHHS
December 15	7 th grade field trip
December 20	Interims Issued

\PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

American Education Week

We would like to thank all of the parents that visited our wonderful classrooms during American Education Week. It is exciting for our students to see family members supporting the work they do on an every day basis. We look forward to your continued support of school-sponsored events as we continue throughout the year. Please plan to attend our Orchestra/Chorus Concert on Thursday, November 30, at Hammond High School starting at 7pm.

Happy Thanksgiving

On behalf of the Hammond Middle School staff and administration, we want to wish each of you a relaxing and joyous Thanksgiving. Enjoy your break and we will see you back on Monday, November 27.

Superintendent Leadership Characteristics Survey:

The Howard County Board of Education is seeking public input as it moves forward with the process of selecting a permanent superintendent, who will be appointed to a four-year term to commence on July 1, 2018. Community members are invited to submit desired leadership characteristics and priorities by completing a survey. The survey responses will be shared with the Board of Education and will inform the superintendent search process.

The [online survey](#) is available on the hcps.org website. Electronic responses from the online survey will be collected through 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 22.

Paper copies may also be [downloaded](#) on the hcps.org website or picked up in the front office at HMS. Printed responses from the paper survey will be collected through noon on Wednesday, December 6.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Viking Voice (formerly known as Student Government Association) is an after-school intramural, which meets every Tuesday from 3:00-3:45 in room 127. Viking Voice is open to all students in all grades. For more information about Viking Voice, please contact Mr. Cytroen or Mrs. Czahor.

Viking Voice will be sponsoring its first school project in December, Toys for Tots. More information will be in the next Viking Times.

Howard County Student Member of the Board of Education (SMOB) Anna Selbrede will be holding an open forum for all HCPSS students to voice any questions, concerns, or just talk. The forum will be held at the Homewood School on December 13th, from 6:30-7pm. If you can't make this month, you can come next time on January 10th. 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.

6TH GRADE

We have entered into the second quarter! In order to minimize the clutter and excessive papers being carried around, PLEASE have your child check with their individual teachers and ask what materials can be removed!

The Sixth Grade Team would like to congratulate ALL of our band, orchestra, and chorus students for the wonderful Winter Concert we attended last Friday. All of their hard work and dedication was on full display!

We would also like to send our sincere thanks to the HMS PTA, and our wonderful administration, for providing dinner for the faculty that stayed late during conference times. Thank you so much for looking out for us!

Please have a wonderful, and hopefully peaceful, Thanksgiving break!

7TH GRADE

December is a busy month for the 7th grade! We are busy getting ready for our first field trip to Medieval Times, our Penny Wars for Puerto Rico, and our schedule changes.

- Please take a few minutes to talk with your student about the field trip etiquette. We will review our expectations with them here in school, but it's nice to send a consistent message about how we conduct ourselves as Hammond Middle School students.
- In the coming weeks, students will be seeing mini-documentaries about how the hurricanes devastated the island of Puerto Rico as a lead up to our Penny Wars for Puerto Rico. All of the proceeds will go toward rebuilding a community center.
- Thank you for all of your support with the upcoming schedule changes. We will try to communicate as much as possible ahead of time to our students. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

8TH GRADE

Quarter 2 for Innovations and Inquiry Reading Modules is all about Making the Most of High School and Beyond. From understanding what the next four years of high school will bring to learning about colleges, careers and beyond...this will be a very interactive unit where students have the opportunity to explore their interests and passions and connect it to their future.

RELATED ARTS

Art

Our 7th graders are beginning a unit in which they're studying fiber art and sewing skills. We are looking for donations of clean, soft materials such as socks, gloves, hats, headbands, etc. Even if you don't have a 7th grader at home, please consider donating supplies to help us make our Soft Sculpture Monsters!

Health

The students in 6th and 7th grade health are getting ready to start a new unit, 6th grade on First Aid and Safety, 7th grade on Alcohol and Alcoholism. The 8th graders are continuing the unit on Personal Safety including discussions on healthy relationships. These topics would be worth discussing at home in preparation of the new and current units.

Band

Congratulations to the seven Hammond Middle School students who were selected for the Howard County GT Band and the two students who were selected as alternates! Hammond has the 3rd highest representation of all of the middle schools in Howard County! Way to go!

- Preston Waldrup, flute
- Prescilla Ye, flute
- Korede Sogbesan, bass clarinet
- Dallin Christiansen, bassoon
- Janani Krithivasan, trumpet
- Anthony Christiansen, horn
- Zach Lupo, percussion
- Robbie Kisloski, tenor saxophone
- Aidan Wain, baritone saxophone

Congratulations to the following students who auditioned for the Howard County GT Middle School Band! They worked very hard and competed against students from all 20 Howard County Middle Schools.

Garry Diba	Lucas Eaton
Natalie Wilder	Zach Lupo
Kennedy Grant	James Chen
Jessica Zhou	Aidan Wain
Sophia Pham	Robert Kisloski
Korede Sogbesan	Jordan Drayton
Dallin Christiansen	Shafin Munir
Neal Williamson	Winnie Kopparapu
Arjun Banerjee	Andrew Oxenberg
Alex Server	Janani Krithivasan
Priscilla Ye	William Tao
Philana Chang	Ben Henson
Preston Waldrup	Moo Milarch
Anthony Christiansen	Sarah Stetser
Sarah Pearl	Jack Taylor
Richard Bierce	Vincent Zepf

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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/>)