

HMS Bulletin

May 9, 2025

Hello, HMS students and families,

As we approach the end of the school year, we are noticing a rash of Chromebooks with damage not due to normal wear and tear. We have also heard talk of various TikTok challenges that involve damaging Chromebooks in various ways, including trying to set them on fire. Causing a fire at school will result in a high level of consequences per the Howard County Student Code of Conduct.

This email is to remind everyone that having a Chromebook is a privilege, and with that privilege comes various responsibilities. There are instances where accidental damage to a screen or port might occur, and the county has instituted a policy that considers those situations. If, however, damage is being intentionally inflicted, this violates the county's technology use policy and could lead to administrative consequences in addition to financial charges being assessed.

Below is the link to the county webpage describing typical damages and the resulting costs:

<https://www.hcpss.org/devices/repair-costs/Links> to an external site.

We'd also like to remind families that students should charge their Chromebooks nightly and bring their chargers to school. Each teacher has a limited number of computer chargers in their classroom.

Thank you, families, for partnering with us and your students to ensure a positive end to the school year regarding technology. We would greatly appreciate any encouragement you could give to your students to treat their devices with respect.

Sincerely,
HMS Administrative Team

IMPORTANT DATES

May 12: Spring Band Concert, 7pm @ HaHS

May 13,15,19 & 20: MCAP Social Studies for 8th Grade

May 14: Spring Jazz Band Concert, 7pm @ RHS

May 16: Prof. Learning Day-Articulation School closes 3 hrs early

May 20: Family Night Extravaganza (HMS 6:00-7:30 pm)

May 21: Spring Chorus Concert, 7pm @ HaHS

May 22: 8th Grade Theatre Showcase (HMS)

May 22-23 MCAP Math-All Students

May 26: MEMORIAL DAY - Schools Closed

May 30: Music in the Parks Field Trip

June 6: Professional Work Day School closes 3 hrs early

June 10: 8th Grade Dance (The Meeting House 6 -9 pm)

June 16: Professional Learning Day School closes 3 hrs early

June 17: Professional Work Day School closes 3 hrs early

June 17: 8th Grade Farewell Ceremony @ 2-3:30 pm AHS

June 18: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

🧙‍♀️✨ **WICKED THANKS** to our PTA & Admin Team! ✨🪄🥔

Major props to our magical ✨ PTA 🧁 and enchanting 🧙‍♀️ admin team for casting the perfect spell of appreciation! We were *bewitched* 🪄 by the spud-tacular 🥔 potato bar and the emerald-elite 💚 Friday lunch—straight out of the Land of Oz!

From *fully loaded taters* 🥗🧀🥔 to a feast that left us *spellbound* 🪄, you totally mashed it 🍴.

Every bite was *witchin'* 😊, every treat was *enchanting* 🪄, and our hearts (and stomachs) are bubbling over 🍷 with gratitude!

You brewed up the perfect charm of kindness, comfort, and carbs 💚⚡.

Thanks for keeping us fueled, cheered, and feelin' the wicked good vibes all week long! ✨🪄💚





HMS LEADERS OF THE MONTH

6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Dania Oloso Chloe Akins Zain Maab	Samuel Housein Abdi Assefa Kaitlyn Peplowski	Carlos Alfonso Iman Akewusola Journey Stitt



Hammond Middle School
Presents

FAMILY NIGHT

Extravaganza!



Please join us for a free evening of family fun!

- Raffles!
- Rock Painting!
- Bracelet Making!
- Scholastic Book Fair!
- Basketball and Volleyball!
- Free Childcare!

... And More!

Pizza dinner is provided!



Tuesday, May 20
6:00 - 7:30 PM



Student Showcase

6-6:30 in the Cafeteria
Music & Theater
Performances
Poetry Readings!



Interactive Sessions

High School Pathways
Math Games
Avoiding Summer Slide
and More!



[Click Here to RSVP!](#)

Your RSVP helps us order enough pizza!
Bring your friends and family!

HAMMOND MIDDLE SCHOOL 2025

SPRING★CONCERTS

ORCHESTRA
THURS MAY 8

HAMMOND HIGH SCHOOL



BAND
MON MAY 12

HAMMOND HIGH SCHOOL



JAZZ BAND
WEDS MAY 14

RESERVOIR HIGH SCHOOL



CHORUS
WEDS MAY 21

HAMMOND HIGH SCHOOL

ALL PERFORMANCES BEGIN AT 7:00 P.M.

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AUDITORIUM DOORS OPEN AT 6:45 P.M.

From the Health Room

Spring is here and so is allergy season. The health room is seeing students with multiple allergy symptoms. If your student suffers from allergies, consult with your pediatrician and please begin administering allergy medication. There really is nothing the health room staff can do but provide a cool cloth to wash their face and have them flush their eyes under cool running water. Thanks for your help!

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Effective school year 2025/2026, Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene requires all incoming 7th grade students in the state of Maryland to have one Tdap and one MCV4 (Meningococcal ACWY) vaccine **BEFORE** the start of the 2025/2026 school year.

Some students may have already received these immunizations, but the Health Room may not have the updated immunization record. Please contact your child's health care provider and send or fax an updated copy of your child's immunizations to the Health Room. The fax number for the health room is 240-456-0391. If your student does not have these immunizations, parents should contact their health care provider as soon as possible to make an appointment for the student to obtain the required vaccines. Please provide the school with an updated copy of your child's immunization record (complete with the provider's signature) once vaccinations have been completed. Failure to provide proof of updated immunizations by the first day of school in August, or to provide evidence of an appointment to receive those immunizations within 20 calendar days from the first day of school, will result in your student being excluded from school. If you have any questions, please contact the health room at 410-880-5836

Please perform daily health checks and keep sick children at home:

- Temperature of 100 degrees or higher
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore Throat
- Body Aches
- Abdominal Cramps
- Diarrhea
- Nausea/Vomiting

If your child requires medication (prescription or over the counter) during the 2024-2025 school year, your child's health care provider must complete a [medication form](#) and/or an [Epi-Pen Care](#) form. All prescribed medications must be in properly labeled containers that include the following information:

- Student name
- Medication name
- Dose to be given
- Time & Frequency of medication
- Prescriber's name & signature
- Date of medication order

Pharmacy labels will usually contain this information. Over-the-counter medications should be in new, unopened containers labeled with the student's name.

Feel free to contact our health team with any questions: christina_toler@hcpss.org
karisma_rencher@hcpss.org

Maryland Coalition of Families'

Family Leadership Program

Friday through Saturday | May 30th & 31st

Join MCF for a unique 2-day training opportunity for Howard County parents and caregivers of school-aged children with mental health challenges.

Workshops will include information about:

- understanding your child's behavioral health needs.
- learning to navigate special education services and other systems you and your family rely on.
- finding your voice to be the best advocate for your child, yourself, your family and your community.

Space is limited for this event. Please click on the link or scan the code below to learn more!

mcf.family/Family-Leadership-Howard-County

DoubleTree by Hilton
5485 Twin Knolls Road
Columbia

Free Training
including meals
and overnight
accommodations!*

*Support for childcare and transportation expenses available if needed



Atholton High School Future Raiders: Athletics meeting (Save the Date)

Hello future Raiders!

The athletic department at Atholton High School will be hosting an athletic information night on Thursday June 5th at 6pm in the cafeteria. This meeting is for all parents and players who wish to try out for a fall sport.

Tryouts begin August 13, 2025. All potential student athletes will need to be at all tryouts and practices will begin immediately after tryouts. Please plan vacations accordingly. There are no supplemental tryouts for high school sports. Fall sports include field hockey, volleyball, football, boys/girls' cross country, boys/girls' soccer, cheerleading, and boys/girls' golf.

More information will be coming out closer to this date. If you have any questions about Atholton High School athletics, please contact Mr. Senisi at Michael_Senisi@hcpss.org.

GO RAIDERS!!!

Mike Senisi, CMAA

Athletics and Activities Manager

Atholton High School 410-313-7080



Anxiety & Behavioral
Health Center

REGISTER
HERE:



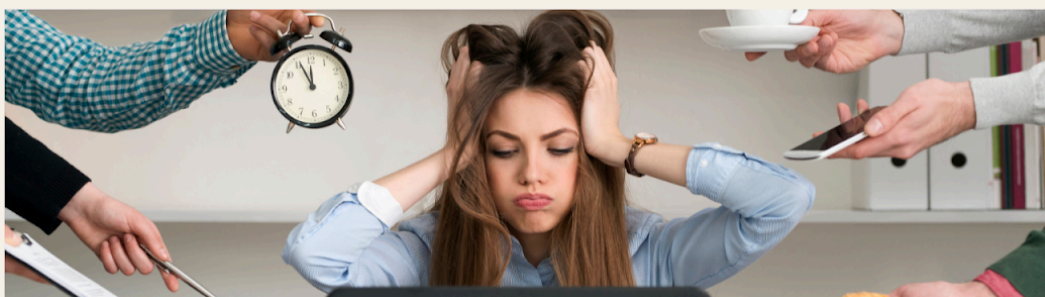
From Chaos to Control:

Supporting Children with Executive Dysfunction

Join Dr. Brooks & Dr. Engel-Green to learn about more about executive functioning and children.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

- What exactly are executive functions?
- What constitutes developmentally typical executive functioning?
- Is it related to ADHD or anxiety?
- Strategies to effectively support your child's executive functioning development at home and in school.



WEDNESDAY | APRIL 23, 2025

7:00PM-8:00PM VIA ZOOM

FREE!



[LINK TO REGISTER
NOW!](#)

(240) 549-0052

www.anxietyandbehavioralhealth.com

REMINDERS:

New Late Arrival check in process

Dear School Community:

Beginning this month, the process for capturing students and logging late arrivals has changed. Previously, parents/students [are asked to sign in on the Late Arrivals clipboard]; any notes to excuse the tardiness or absence (e.g., note from doctor, etc.) are typically handed in to the attendance secretary at that time, although parents also have the option of sending an email to [HMSAbsence@hcpss.org]. Please note, per [Policy 9010-IP](#): The school must receive notification from the parent or physician explaining the absence/tardiness of a student within five (5) school days of the student's return or the absence/tardiness will be unlawful/unexcused.

Student login electronically (unique to each student) When a student is tardy, this will be captured directly into Synergy.

- Parents no longer need to come into the school office to sign their child in.
- Parents can view time of arrival via [HCPSS Connect](#) by navigating to the Attendance tab>clicking on the day of concern in the calendar display>reviewing the timestamp under Attendance Detail.
- Late Arrivals/Tardies are recorded as unlawful/unexcused until the school receives notification from the parent.
 - Please send all such notifications to HMSAbsence@hcpss.org and include your student's full name, grade and date of absence/tardiness.
 - Students can still hand a parent's or doctor's note to the attendance secretary upon arrival.

Reporting your child's absence

Need to report an absence? Please email your absence notes/questions to: HMSAbsence@hcpss.org or send in a signed parent/guardian note. The email should include the student's name, the parent's name, the date(s) or period(s) (if absence is a partial day) of the absence, and the reason for the absence. The email must be received within 5 days of the absence. Requests for changes to attendance submitted after the 5 day deadline may not be honored.

Please Note: Absences are unexcused until an email or note is received.

STAY CONNECTED

Families may find it useful to bookmark the following web-pages where information will be continually updated and posted:

- [HMS Website](#)
- [HMS Twitter](#)
- [HMS Instagram](#)
- [HCPSS Website](#)
- [HCPSS News site](#)
- [HCPSS Help site](#)

COMMUNITY 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.