

# HMS Bulletin

May 23, 2025

## IMPORTANT DATES

May 26: MEMORIAL DAY - Schools Closed

May 30: Music in the Parks Field Trip

June 5: Enrichment Fair (HMS 6:00-7:00 pm)

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

*Thank you so much 🙏 to our staff, community sponsors 🤝, student performers 🎤🎵, and everyone who joined us for our first Family Night Extravaganza! 🎉*

*We truly enjoyed spending the evening together with you 💖. We're already looking forward to next year and hope to host another event in early fall 🍂.*

*Please keep an eye out for a future invitation!*

***Congratulations to Mrs. Manack and Theater B for their amazing performances last night!***

On May 22, the theater B students put on their 8th grade theater showcase. They performed three plays that were written, directed and produced by students. Plays included Misdirection, Breaking and Stuck. It was a wonderful experience. The theater department would like to thank Mr Doody, the PE department, Ms DeRosier, the custodian team, for their support. Mostly we would like to thank the parents who supported the program since the beginning. This was the best event so far and it only keeps getting better.



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

**\*\*Reminder: No Outside Food Permitted**

We kindly remind all parents and guardians that students are not allowed to share food or beverages in school. This policy helps us maintain a safe and healthy environment for all students, especially those with food allergies or dietary restrictions. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

## News from our Health Room

Dear Parent/Guardian,

If your student has medication in the health room, those medications will need to be picked up by noon on June 18th. If your child will need to take medication during the coming school year, medication order forms can be found on the HCPSS website at <https://www.hcpss.org/health/medications/>

***\*If your child will be in band, orchestra, or chorus next year, consider requesting the doctor to include a "self-carry/self-administer" order for your child's emergency medications (epipens, inhalers) for extended day and weekend field trips.***

Orders for each new school year must be dated on or after July 1. All medications must be in containers properly labeled with the following information:

- Student name
- Medication name
- Dosage to be given
- Time and frequency of medication
- Date of medication order
- Prescriber's name
- Expiration date of medication

\*\*\*Over-the-counter medications such as cold, allergy, and headache/pain medications also require a medication form completed by a physician and those medications should be brought to the health room in new, unopened containers.

**\*Medications should be delivered to school by a parent/guardian to assure safe arrival. Students should not transport medications.**

**\*\*Medication remaining at the end of the school year should be picked up by the parent/guardian by noon on June 18th. Any medication not picked up will be destroyed.**

Please email our school nurse ([christina\\_toler@hcpss.org](mailto:christina_toler@hcpss.org)) if you need to make different arrangements for medication pick up.

Christina Toler BSN, RN, NCSN  
Nationally Certified School Nurse  
HMS Nurse

Hammond MS Health Room (410-880-5836) Hammond MS Health Room Fax (240-456-0391)

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

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## Community News

HHS Summer Camp 2025.pdf

Hammond High School Boosters will be holding multiple camps this summer. I am reaching out to see if you would consider pushing the attached flyer out to families that may be interested in attending one of the camps.

## Summer Meal Program Overview

<https://www.hcpss.org/food-services/summer-meals/>

To continue meeting the growing need to feed hungry children and families in Howard County and fill the nutritional gap over the summer months, the Howard County Public School System announces its **free summer meal program**, which will run weekdays June 23-Aug. 1, 2025. Meals will be served only on days schools are open and there will be no meal service Friday, July 4.

There are no applications, enrollment or fees to participate in this program, however children must be present to receive free meals.

Meals will be provided at no cost to any HCPSS students, as well as any children aged 18 and under. In addition, free meals will be provided to all students participating in HCPSS summer programs.



Atholton High School is hosting its annual Next Gen Raider day next Friday evening from 6-8PM at our stadium field. This event is free and is a chance for students coming to Atholton next year who are interested in playing soccer for Atholton.

Robert Thompson  
Math Teacher  
Girls Varsity Soccer Coach  
9th Grade Team Leader  
Black Student Union Advisor  
Atholton High School

## **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](mailto:Michael_Senisi@hcpss.org).

**GO RAIDERS!!!**

Mike Senisi, CMAA

Athletics and Activities Manager

Atholton High School 410-313-7080

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](https://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





## REMINDERS:

### Late check in process for students:

Students now log in electronically upon arrival, and their entry time is recorded directly in Synergy. Parents no longer need to come into the school to sign in their child.

Important: Per Policy 9010-IP, absences and tardies are marked unexcused unless the school receives a note or email within five (5) school days of the student's return.

Please send all attendance notifications to [HMSAbsence@hcpss.org](mailto:HMSAbsence@hcpss.org), including your child's full name, grade, and date of absence/tardiness. Students may still bring a parent or doctor's note to the attendance secretary.

### Reporting your child's absence

Need to report an absence? Please email your absence notes/questions to: [HMSAbsence@hcpss.org](mailto: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.



