

HMS Bulletin

June 6, 2025

IMPORTANT DATES

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

June 13: Last day for students to have books in lockers. Lockers should be cleaned out by today!

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 - Professional Work Day - *3hr Early Dismissal*

Dear Families,

We are excited to announce our upcoming 8th Grade Farewell Celebration, a special event to recognize and celebrate our students as they prepare to leave middle school and enter high school!

 **Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025**

 **Time: 2:00 – 3:30 PM**

 **Location: Atholton High School**

Please note that this is not a graduation ceremony, but a fun and meaningful celebration of your child's time in middle school. We'll reflect on their accomplishments, share memories, and cheer them on as they head into this next

chapter. Students will receive two tickets for their family to attend the farewell ceremony. Students must attend school on the day of the farewell.

We hope you join us for this joyful occasion!

Warm regards,
HMS Team

8th Grade Dance Day Reminder!

Hello 8th Graders! The big dance is almost here, and we know you're excited! Just a quick reminder: on the day of the dance, you'll have to attend school. If you need to leave early, please remember that you must attend for a half-day. A half-day would be 8:30 a.m. until 11:15 a.m.

8th Grade Parents/Guardians! Please help us make the 8th Grade Dance a successful evening by signing up to help on June 10. Any help is appreciated! Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E48AAA923A3F58-56429179-8thgrade?useFullSite=true#/>

8th Grade T-Shirt Day will be here soon!

Bring a clean, plain white t-shirt in a gallon zip-lock bag to your 1st period teacher by Wednesday, June 11th. (Any plain, light color shirt will work as well.)*

WHY? On Monday, June 16th, you'll decorate your shirt to commemorate the HMS 8th grade class of 2025!

In ELA, Math, Social Studies, and Science classes, you'll add a design of 25 and the HMS mascot to your shirt. You'll also have a chance to decorate the shirt and collect signatures.

*If you don't have a plain T-shirt and cannot get one, let your first-period teacher know. We can help!

Questions? Contact Mrs. Haley at cecilia_haley@hcpss.org



HMS LEADERS OF THE MONTH

6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Temitope Adewole Kaash Dholakia Ayomikun Okubadejo	Danielle Broadwater Ethan Chin-Johnson Damion Fountain	Ashlyn Akins Patrick Coveney-Smith Zachary Lindheimer

Are you Moving?

If you have moved or are moving, please complete the following information below as soon as possible.

For families moving out of Howard County: you will need to complete a [withdrawal form](#). Once this form is completed, we will be able to put together a packet of information and necessary documents for you to bring to your child's new school. Please allow several days from the time you complete the withdrawal form for the processing of the withdrawal packet.

For families who are changing addresses within Howard County: after you have moved, please provide a [Change of Address form](#), your new lease/deed and a utility bill so that we can update your address in our system. If your address change results in a change of school, we will assist in transferring your child's records to their new school.

If you have any questions please contact Kristen Adkins, Registrar, at kristen_adkins@hcpss.org or 410.880.5830.

News from our Health Room

End of Year Medication Pick-up Instructions

If your student has medication in the health room, the medication needs to be picked up by an adult by the end of the school year. Medication can be picked up daily between the hours of 8:10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, when school is in session, except for June 6th and June 18th. On June 6th and June 18th, medication can be picked up between 8:10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

***All medication must be picked up by the last day of school, June 18th. Any medication that is not picked up by 12 noon on June 18th will be disposed of. If you need to make other arrangements for medication pick up or have any questions, please email the school nurse: christina_toler@hcpss.org

Will your student need to take medication (prescription and/or over the counter including Tylenol, Motrin, Midol) at school in the coming school year?

If your child will need to take medication (including any prescription medications such as EpiPens/inhalers AND/OR over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol, Motrin, Midol) during the coming school year, a medication order form is

required (completed by a physician) and can be found on the HCPSS website at <https://www.hcpss.org/health/medications/>

A new medication order is required for every new school year dated on or after July 1.

[Medication Order Form](#)

[EpiPen Order Form](#)

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 (Tylenol Motrin) medications require a [medication order form](#) (completed by a physician) and should be brought to the health room in new, unopened containers.

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

Please email the school nurse with any questions: christina_toler@hcpss.org

Students/Staff should **NOT** come to school with the following:

*If they had fever reducing medication (Tylenol or Ibuprofen) in the morning before school

*fever 100.0 or higher (student may **NOT** return to school unless they are fever free for 24 hours *without medication*)

*severe sore throat

*hacking cough

*difficulty breathing

*diarrhea or vomiting

*new onset of severe headache (especially with fever)

Community News

WEngineer STEM Exploration Summer Camp happening this August at Mount Hebron High School.

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Quick Info:

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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.

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, 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 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.

