

# HAMMOND MIDDLE SCHOOL

## VIKING TIMES

### December 20, 2018

## DATES TO REMEMBER

December 24-January 1	Schools Closed
Wednesday, January 2	School Reopen regular schedule
Wednesday, January 9	Dental Clinic
Wednesday, January 16	Parent Education Night
Thursday, January 17	Spelling Bee
Thursday, January 24	Geography Bee

## SPIRIT WEAR

Just in time for the holidays! Do you need just one more gift? Consider a brand new spirit wear item – SOCKS.

All socks are unisex and come in three colors and two sizes, small (shoe sizes 5 – 8) or medium (shoe sizes 8 – 11). There are limited quantities available, so order soon! For inventory purposes, all socks must be ordered on-line at:

<https://osp.osmsinc.com/HowardMD/BVModules/CategoryTemplates/Detailed%20List%20with%20Properties/Category.aspx?categoryid=DA023>

Available pickup times will be:

- Friday, December 21, 9 – 2 pm

Thank you for supporting the Hammond Middle School Vikings!

## Winter Break Meals Program for Howard County Children, December 27-28, 2018

The Howard County Public School System is collaborating with the Howard County Department of Community Resources and Services, the Howard County Library System and the Community Action Council of Howard County to provide nutrition for children in need during the winter school break. Free meals will be offered at two Howard County locations on **Thursday, December 27** and **Friday, December 28**.

All children under 18 years of age will receive a free meal. There are no application requirements or cost to families. Lunches will be served from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on both days at the following locations:

- The Bain 50+ Center – 5470 Ruth Keeton Way, Columbia
- Howard County Library East Columbia Branch – 6600 Cradlerock Way, Columbia

## **Parent Education Night**

Mark your calendars! We will be hosting our second annual Parent Education Night on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 from 6pm-8pm. This is a time for our parents/guardians to learn about topics and issues that relate to the success of their students. Some of the information sessions that will be available include: Library Resources, The Transition to High School, Executive Functioning, School Safety and Cyber Bullying, Health and Human Sexuality, Canvas, Assessments, and College Savings. Detailed information about the sessions offered as well as how to register will be available after winter break. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation Night at High Schools**

Atholton High – January 7, 2019 at 6:30 pm; Snow date is January 10

Hammond High – January 15, 2019 6:30 pm

Reservoir High – January 10, 2019 6:30 pm; Snow date is January 14

These orientations take place at the respective high schools. Students are also invited to attend. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Patty Smith, HMS counselor at 410-880-5830 or [Patty\\_Smith@hcpss.org](mailto:Patty_Smith@hcpss.org)

## **SPOTLIGHT ON 6TH GRADE!**

On Friday the sixth grade students will be treated to a presentation from meteorologist Justin Berk entitled “Faith in the Flakes.” Again, we have to say “thank you” to Mrs. Albanesi for planning and coordinating such an appropriate event the day before we leave HMS for Winter Break.

Progress Reports were sent home today. Please remember to check CANVAS, at least periodically, to keep track of your child’s progress and to check on missing assignments or announcements that may have been sent from the team. We would also like to remind parents to keep track of the deadlines that have been set in the “late work policy” by the sixth grade team.

Finally, we ask that parents take time over the winter break to check their child’s binders. Many students have struggled the last few days with a lack of school supplies. We ask that loose-leaf paper, pencils, and other materials be replenished before we come back on Wednesday, January 2.

We hope everyone has a wonderful winter break and we can’t wait to see all the students back here to begin a spectacular 2019. We thank each and every one of you for your support and for helping to make HMS a wonderful place for students and teachers alike!

## **SPOTLIGHT ON RELATED ARTS!**

### **Visual Art**

I hope everyone enjoys their days off! When we return in January, 8th graders will finish their pen & ink money designs and send them off to the printers! 7th graders will finish up their soft sculpture creatures and begin designing playing cards. 6th graders will continue their self-portrait paintings, exploring two dueling sides of their personalities.

## **GENERAL 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