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IMPORTANT DATES

December 4: The Council of Elders Celebration (*Virtual*)

December 5: HMS Band Concert, 7pm @ Hammond HS

December 12: Family Engagement Night #4 - Math night (*see below for details*)

December 13: Professional Work and Wellness Day - Schools close 3 hours early

December 19: HMS Chorus Concert, 7pm @ Atholton HS

December 25: Schools and Offices Closed

December 26-31: Winter Break - Schools Closed

January 1: Schools and Offices Closed

January 11: HMS Spelling Bee Competition - 6pm @ HMS Media Center

January 23: Family Engagement - How to Support a student with a plan?

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Engagement Night #4 - Math night

December 12th Family Engagement Registration

For this month's focus, we would like to highlight our Hammond Middle School's Math instruction. We would like to invite you to join us together in Math learning.

Your RSVP will help ensure we have enough materials and refreshments. Thank you!

Join is December 12th, 5:30-7:30 pm in our media center for Pie & Math!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSealF0EwdMrTdCyZ9Ntatnm2Fx04Zlpaaiy4rgpbmx3AF53fA/viewform>

HMS Spelling Bee Competition - January 11th @ 6pm - HMS Media Center

For more information or to sign up for the Spelling Bee click here: [HMS 2024 Spelling Bee Flyer.pdf](#)



Sending a **BIG** shout out to all those that made purchases at the Book Fair! All proceeds will benefit our school. Thanks for supporting our kids! Happy reading!

Don't forget to visit the Middle School Art Showcase!



Exhibition: Middle School Studio A Showcase

Where: The Department of Education Gallery - 10910 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City. Showcase hours are Monday-Friday, 8 - 4 p.m.

When: November 16 - January 26, 2024

Gallery Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Students participating from Hammond: [Laela Collilns](#) - [Autumn Lee](#) - [Mel Sellei](#) - [Mustafa Zaki](#) - [Elise Bender](#) - [Nathan Thomas](#)

High School Advanced Research Program Information Night

Monday, Dec. 11, 7-7:45 p.m., virtual event

Parents/guardians of and students in grades 8-11 are invited to attend a virtual information session on the HCPSS Advanced Research Program, which includes the high school Gifted and Talented Independent Research and Intern/Mentor courses. [Register in advance](#) online.

Public Hearing: 2025-2026 Academic Calendar

The Board of Education will hold a hybrid public hearing on the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5. Pre-register online by Dec. 4 to testify. [Details on pre-registration and testimony](#) are available online.

REMINDERS

Student Meal Payments

Families are reminded that HCPSS now uses the [LINQ Connect](#) portal for student meal payments; monitoring their child's meal account; scheduling automatic recurring payments; setting up low balance alerts; submitting a Free and Reduced Meals program application; and more. MySchoolBucks meal balances were automatically transferred to LINQ Connect this summer. [Additional information](#) about student meals is available online.

Picking Up Your Child Early

If you are picking up your student early, please be prepared with your photo ID. This is necessary to verify that you are in our Synergy system and have permission to pick the student up from HMS. If there are any neighbors, friends, or relatives that may pick up your child in an emergency, please add them through [HCPSS Connect](#) and ensure that they have permission to pick up your child. Anyone that is not listed in Synergy will not be able to pick up the child.

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](#)
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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Boys to Men

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Come and join us for our year end Family Event featuring food, festivities, and gifts for boys and girls under 17. Parents are welcome.

Saturday, December 9, 2023

Time: 2:00pm - 6pm

Greenbelt Youth Center

[BtM Holiday Open House Flyer 2023.pdf](#)

HCPSS and The Council of Elders (TCOE) Community Academy - Social Emotional Well-being and Substance

Misuse: On December 16 from 9-10:30 a.m., parents and families are invited to attend a virtual session regarding how to effectively support students in maintaining positive Social and Emotional Well-Being and prevent substance misuse. Representatives from HCPSS and community partner organizations will provide resources for social and emotional development and education on prevention, risk factors, and warning signs of substance misuse. This session is for families of students at the elementary, middle, or high school levels and will be held virtually. To register, please complete the registration form linked [hereLinks to an external site.](#) Please see and share this message and [TCOE Social Emotional Well-being FlyerLinks to an external site.](#) with your school community.

Please visit the [Community News and Programs](#) page on the HCPSS website for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

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