

HMS Bulletin

October 19, 2023



IMPORTANT DATES

October 20: Professional Work Day - School Closed for Students

October 27: HMS Flu Clinic

October 31: End of 1st marking period - Schools close 3 hours early

November 2: PTA Meeting @ 7pm

November 6: 6th grade field trip (Terrapin Adventures)

November 8: HMS Hearing/Vision Clinic for all 8th graders and 6th and 7th graders new to the state of Maryland

November 8: Report Cards Issued

November 15: Student Picture Re-take @ 8:30am (*see details below*)

November 20 & 21: Schools close 3 hours early. Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 22: Schools closed for students. Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 23 & 24: Schools & Offices closed

November 27: (Rescreen) HMS Hearing/Vision Clinic for all 8th graders and 6th and 7th graders new to the state of Maryland

November 30: Family Engagement (*information coming soon*)

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Absentees & Picture Retake Day



Wednesday, November 15, 2023 @ 8:30am

You may have your portraits retaken on this day.

The entire portrait package must be returned.

Please have your child bring the portrait package to the photographer on retake day.

Parents of students who were absent should contact the main office for an order envelope if they wish to order portraits.

Please visit us at: www.schoolpix.com to order additional portraits.

Order Form: [Picture Order Form.pdf](#)

Chess Club Snacks - Signup Genius



We need volunteers to provide snacks for our intramural Chess Club. Attached is the link for the Signup Genius. We appreciate any and all donations. Any questions, please contact Sandy_Smith@hcpss.org. To sign up click here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BABA82FA2FDC07-45283668-chess#/>

Thank you!

2023 Student Poster Contest - Honor Dr. King's Legacy

Although Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. left us too soon, his powerful legacy and universal message of peace lives on today. Please help us to continue and grow this legacy with Hammond Middle School's participation in the annual MLK Middle School Poster Contest. Below is information on contest participation

requirements. All poster submissions are **due by October 31, 2023** (*Deadline has been extended*).

To apply click here: [MLKAPPLICATION2024.pdf](#)



Howard County Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission

2024 STUDENT CONTESTS:
Honor Dr. King's Legacy & Win Cash Prizes!

Elementary, Middle & High School Poster Contest:
"Show how Howard County can be more welcoming to people of all backgrounds."

High School & Middle School Essay Contest:
Dr. King dedicated his life towards fighting for a better and more just society. Write about what makes your community great and how you've contributed towards its wellbeing.

High School & Middle School Oratory Contest:
Share a story about a time where you fought for humanity or equal rights. How did it make you feel and why did you do it?



SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
Entries must be received by
October 31st, 2023 at 5:00 PM EST

GET AN APPLICATION:
@ [HTTPS://BIT.LY/HOCOMLK23](https://bit.ly/hocomlk23)
For More Information:
Call (410) 313-6430
Email: MLK@howardcountymd.gov



Via Email: MLK@howardcountymd.gov
Via Mail: Howard County Office
of Human Rights & Equity
9820 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 237
Columbia, MD 21046

FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Support the Music Department AND a small local business by ordering Taharka Brothers Ice Cream!

Between October 18 and October 20, place your ice cream order and it will be delivered to Hammond Middle School for pick-up on Monday, October 23 at 4pm after school. Money from each order will support the HMS Music Department! Please share widely and encourage your friends and neighbors to order ice cream as well! Thank you



TAHARKA
MADE IN BALTIMORE [FUNDRAISER FOR:]

**Fundraiser for Hammond MS
Music Department**

Place your order using the information below and
\$10 from every order will go back to your group!

<https://deliver.taharkabrothers.com>

Order By:
Weds 10/18 - Friday, 10/20 @ 11 PM

Group Coupon Code:
HMSMUSIC

Delivery Date:
Monday, October 23
Pick up @ 4 PM at HMS

taharkabrothers.com
@taharkabros

REMINDERS

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



SAVE THE DATES


HOWARD COUNTY HONORS THE LIFE & LEGACY OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

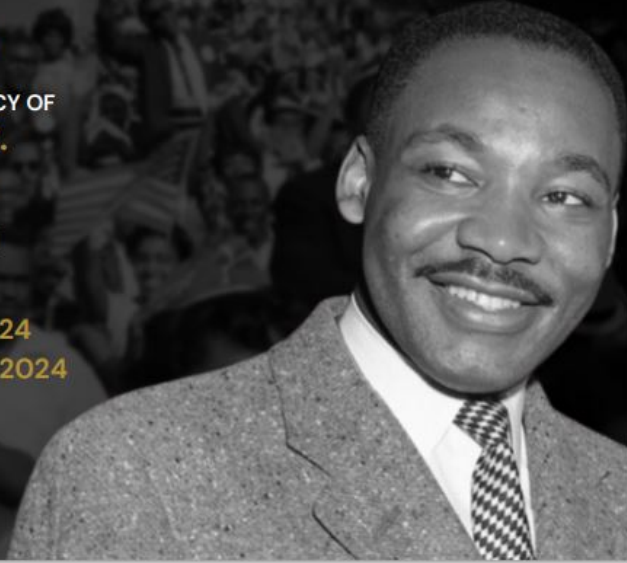
"Commit yourself to the noble struggle for equal rights. You will make a better person of yourself, a greater nation of your country, and a finer world to live in." Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

CELEBRATION | SUNDAY, JAN 14, 2024
DAY OF SERVICE | MONDAY, JAN 15, 2024

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

MLK@HOWARDCOUNTYMD.GOV
(410) 313-6430

   @HOCOOHRE





FREE Cold Weather Gear!
COATS • HATS • GLOVES • SCARVES

All Sizes and Ages, Infant to Adult

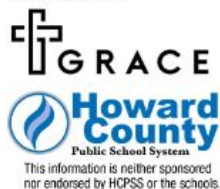
Saturday, October 21
10:00 am – Noon

North Laurel Community Center
 9411 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel, MD 20723

FACE MASKS ARE OPTIONAL • PLEASE KEEP YOURSELF AND EVERYONE SAFE.

For questions or more information, contact
 Valerie Mathis at 410-313-0242 (VOICE/RELAY)
 or vmathis@howardcountymd.gov.

AN OUTREACH PROGRAM IN
 PARTNERSHIP WITH



If you need this information in an alternate format, contact the MSC at 410-313-0220 (voice/relay) or miscinfo@howardcountymd.gov. If you need accommodations to participate, call at least one week in advance.



Ropa de Invierno Gratis! Abrigos, gorros, guantes y bufandas

Para todas las edades, desde bebés hasta adultos

Sábado, 21 de Octubre
10:00 am – Noon

North Laurel Community Center
9411 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel, MD 20723

Las máscaras faciales son opcionales.
Por favor, manténgase a sí mismo y a todos a salvo.

Para preguntas o más información contactar
Valerie Mathis, at 410-313-0242 (VOICE/RELAY)
or vmathis@howardcountymd.gov.



UN PROGRAMA DE DIVULGACIÓN EN
ASOCIACIÓN CON



Si necesita esta información en un formato alternativo, ó si necesita arreglos para asistir este evento, contacte el MSC al 410-313-0220 ó mscinfo@howardcountymd.gov por lo menos una semana en adelantado.

HCC "Fall for All" Community Event

Howard Community College is having a FREE, community-wide **Fall for All event on Friday, October 20, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

With HCPSS schools being closed, we thought this would be a great benefit to the community, especially those with small children, or those looking for fun, fall activities.

From corn mazes, to bounce houses, to pumpkin bowling, this event has been structured with community members of all ages in mind and will be a great end to the week.

Food will be available for purchase through food trucks!

Come in your Halloween costume, or as you are!

For more information, please visit: www.howardcc.edu/fallforall

The HCPSS community program has been published: [Howard Community College's Fall For All, Friday, October 20](http://www.howardcc.edu/fallforall)

Medication & Sharps Disposal - Saturday, October 28th, 10am - 2pm

Wilde Lake Village Center Parking Lot

5305 Village Center Drive, Columbia, MD 21044

For more information click here: [Medication & Sharps Disposal.pdf](#)

FREE Parenting Class

Guiding Good Choices - Taking HoCo Families to the Next Level

Class Dates: Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16, 30, & December 7.

For more information click here: [Free Parenting Class.pdf](#)

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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