

# HMS Bulletin

December 22, 2023



Dear Hammond Middle School Families,

As winter break approaches, please accept my best wishes for a winter break filled with warm moments and special memories. I hope you are able to take time to relax, recharge, and connect with those you cherish.

As a reminder, Winter Break is Monday, December 25, 2023, through Monday, January 1, 2024. There is no school and our school buildings will be closed. School will resume on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

Sincerely,

Ms. Smith & Ms. Thompson

## IMPORTANT DATES

**December 25 - January 1:** Winter Break - Schools and Offices Closed

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

**January 16:** High School Registration Closes

**January 18:** (*snow date*) HMS Spelling Bee Competition

**January 19:** End of the Second Marking Period

**January 23:** New Student & Rising 6th grade Parent Orientation/Information Night 6pm-7pm

**January 25:** Family Engagement - How to Support a student with a plan?

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our Band, Orchestra, and Chorus students! Your performances were amazing!



[Reminder to 8th Grade Students](#)

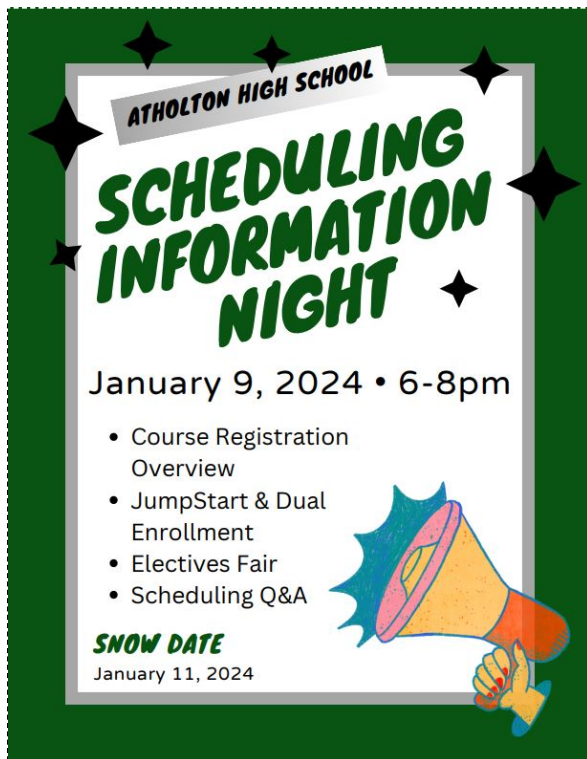
Reservoir New Student & Family Information Night

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Thursday, January 11, 2024

5:30 - 7:45 pm

RHS Auditorium

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For rising 9th grade RHS students and parents.  
Come learn about Reservoir sports, activities,  
academics, Jumpstart, and more.



# HAMMOND HS SCHEDULING

## SCHEDULING EXTRAVAGANZA

In-Person

Hammond High School

**THURSDAY, Jan. 4th @ 6pm**

**5:30pm - Rising 9th Grade Welcome and Presentation**

**6:00pm - General Welcome and Scheduling Overview and Opportunities**

**6:15pm - Midterm Review/Explanation**

**ITL Presentations for Electives, Course Levels**

**6:45-7:15pm - Department Open Houses and Choose your Own Adventure Begin (Cafeteria)**

**6:45-7:15pm - AP Potential Breakout (PL Room), ARL & Academies, HCC/Jumpstart**

Below, is a link to the course scheduling site. This is a great resource as students begin to enter HS course requests.

<https://sites.google.com/hcpss.org/hahsschedule/home>

## REMINDERS



## 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](#)

### 2024-2025 High School Course Registration Opens Dec. 18

Course registration for the 2024-2025 school year will open for **current 8-11 grade students at 8:00 a.m. Monday, Dec. 18, 2023, and run through 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024.** The high school course registration process is completed by students each year online in HCPSS Connect Synergy. Schedule modifications are made in the late winter/early spring, and final student schedules, including class periods and teachers, are available in late August.

- → Dec. 18, 2023: Registration opens
- → Jan. 16, 2024: Registration closes
- → January-February 2024: Students meet with school counselors to review course requests
- → Spring 2024: Students/families view scheduled courses for 2024-2025 school year
- → August 2024: Prior to start of school year, complete student schedules are available

General information on the high school course registration process can be found on the link below. Please contact your school counselor with any questions. <https://www.hcpss.org/academics/high-school-course-registration/>

### HCPSS Emergency Notification Procedures

As we head into winter weather, [families are reminded](#) that in emergency situations (including inclement weather), information will be shared with the community only through the HCPSS website, email and text, Twitter and the HCPSS weather hotline. [Be sure your Family File is up to date](#) and that you have [opted into texts](#) to receive emergency messages.

### 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

RHS DANCE PROGRAM

# DANCE PLACEMENT AUDITIONS

FRIDAY, JAN 12TH

4:30-6:30

RHS DANCE STUDIO



FOR MORE INFO,  
PLEASE VISIT  
[RHSdance.weebly.com](http://RHSdance.weebly.com)

## Reservoir HS Dance Placement Auditions

Dance Placement Auditions will be held in the dance studio on Friday, Jan. 12th from 4:30-6:30. Students should wear dance attire (leotard, tank top or shirt & leggings) and secure hair away from face. Upon arrival, students will complete an audition form, receive a number sticker and enter the studio to stretch. The audition process is broken down into three rounds: across the floor, modern combination, jazz combination. Students will be placed in the most appropriate class for their level of tech after each round. Some students will not need to stay for the entire process. Those with more dance experience should expect to remain for all three rounds which usually end between 6:15-6:30. All students may registration for Dance 1 without participating in the audition process. Any students planning on attending auditions should put Dance 1 on their schedule, any corrections to incoming freshman schedules will be made through RHS Student Services.

*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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