

# HMS Bulletin

February 14, 2024



## IMPORTANT DATES

**February 19:** President's Day - School Closed

**February 29:** Family Engagement Night - Literacy Night

**March 1:** First Day of Women's History Month

**March 4-5:** Tentative 8th Grade MISA

**March 10:** Daylight Saving Time starts

**March 13:** Professional Work & Wellness Day - Schools Close 3 Hours Early

**March 14:** Pi Day

**March 25-28:** Spring Break, School Closed

**March 29 - April 1:** Spring Break, Schools & Offices Closed

**April 9:** End of Third Marking Period

**April 10:** Professional Work Day - Schools closed for students

**April 17:** Report Cards Issued (*electronically*)

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS



Last week, was National School Counseling Week. We were excited to recognize **Ms. Sheffield** and **Ms. Moravec!** We are extremely grateful for their positive impact on students, the school climate, and our community. They care deeply for students and they are committed to helping them however they may need it. Thank you for everything you do!



THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL  
PTA FOR TREATING US TO  
VALENTINES DAYS TREATS!



**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following band, orchestra, and chorus students who prepared to perform at the HCPSS Secondary Solo & Ensemble Festival on Saturday, February 27. Thank you representing HMS with pride!

#### Solos:

- Janine Chen, Clarinet
- Erin Han, Flute
- Lucy Pinel, Horn
- Tian Zhang, Piano

- Rex Fosnacht, Trumpet
- Nathania Ermiyas, Piano
- Patrick Qiu, Piano
- Aika Pierre, Viola
- Eliana Gregory, Violin
- Audrey Diep, Violin
- Henry Alfonso, Voice
- Makayla Martin, Voice
- Kyra Mason, Voice
- Henry String, Voice

### Ensembles:

- Tracy Tanner, Percussion & Kaylee Allen, Flute
- Jenna Seifert, Flute & Merrit Lewis, Voice
- Aaron Zick, Trombone, Justin Do, Euphonium & Camden Kruzic, Baritone Saxophone
- Kyra Mason, Trumpet, Ian Fieldsend, Trumpet, & Carlitos Alfonso, Trumpet
- Chandler Ren, Tuba, Eyoel Mesay, Trumpet, & Tingxuan Zhang, Piano
- Alyssandra Cullum, Voice & Ellie Newberger, Voice
- Nathania Ermiyas, Viola & Grace Cao, Viola
- Audrey Diep, Violin & Morgan Porter, Viola
- Sydney Coleman, Violin, Ryan Hanley, Violin, Dominic Nguyen, Viola; Keefer Garthoff, Cello & James Heine, Bass

### Attention Current 6th and 7th Grade Families:

**Middle school course registration** - for the selection of a yearlong fine arts class and an additional elective class for the 2024-2025 school year - **will be available online through 4pm tomorrow, Wednesday, February 14th.**

### Attention 8th Grade Families

Dear families of HMS 8th graders,

Romeo and Juliet, by William Shakespeare, is an anchor text in our Love and Friendship unit, and it is our students' first experience with Shakespeare's plays. Though many students might be intimidated by Shakespeare's language at first, we have learned that when students see the words come alive in a performance, their perceptions change. We know that once students have seen the play, and performed some of it themselves, their confidence soars.

That's why we are so excited to arrange this field trip for students to see the play performed live by professional actors, in a venue that recreates elements of the Globe Theater.

For this field trip on April 19, 2024, students will travel to downtown Baltimore for the performance. We'll return in time for students to have lunch at school. Ask your student for the yellow permission slip distributed in ELA class.

The signed permission slip and \$33.25 fee must be turned in to your child's ELA teacher by Friday, March 8, 2024. **Form:** [CSC field trip form.pdf](#)

Payment can be in the form of cash (exact change, please), check, or online. View the field trip form for details. To pay online, you can use this link: <https://osp.osmsinc.com/p/DA023-90>

Questions? Contact Cecilia Haley at [cecilia\\_haley@hcpss.org](mailto:cecilia_haley@hcpss.org)

Sincerely,

Cecilia Haley and Rachael LaVoy,  
8th Grade English Language Arts

### Hammond Middle School Line Dancing Intramural



Each week you'll learn and practice multiple line dances, like the Wobble, Cupid Shuffle, Cha Cha Slide, and many more. Get ready to move to the beat and have some fun dancing with friends. All skill levels welcome!

Have your folks complete and return the form below before our first meeting. Return the form to the front office or Ms. Haley by 2/1/24.

This activity will be open to the first 20 students who return permission forms.

Intramural Permission Slip: [Line Dancing Permission Slip 2024.pdf](#)

## Boys **2** MEN

Girls **2** Women

### HMS Boys to Men - Girls to Women Mentoring Program

We are excited to invite you to participate in Boys to Men or Girls to Women program after school! Students will participate in group activities and discourse led and facilitated by an Adult Mentor. All student voices are welcome and heard. Mentors and HMS students are interested in learning more about you and supporting you both in and outside the academic area.

Permission Slip: [Boys 2 Men Girls 2 Women Permission Slip.pdf](#)

### Atholton High School Future Raiders: Fall Athletics Meeting February 15th

Hello future Raiders! The athletic department at Atholton High School will be hosting a general **fall athletics meeting on Feb 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** in the Atholton HS cafeteria. This meeting is for parents and students. Come find out what high sports are all about, tryout dates, and meet the fall coaches. Fall

sports include field hockey, volleyball, football, boys/girls' cross country, boys/girls' soccer, cheerleading, and boys/girls' golf. We hope you can make it.

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### **Calling all parents and children!**

Join us for a day filled with eco-friendly fun and education at **Hammond High School's 10th Annual Green Fest!** Celebrate our commitment to a greener, more sustainable future on **Saturday, February 24th, from 10 am to 1 pm.**

#### **What to Expect:**

- Exciting eco-friendly activities for kids and adults
- Informative displays showcasing environmental initiatives
- Prizes and giveaways
- A vibrant community atmosphere

#### **Special Program by Howard County Library:**

The Howard County Library is thrilled to host a special program just for kids during the event! Spark your child's curiosity with entertaining and educational activities that promote environmental awareness.

#### **Why Attend?**

- Foster a love for nature in your children
- Learn about sustainable practices for your family
- Connect with like-minded individuals in our community
- Support Hammond High School's commitment to environmental education

#### **Location:**

Hammond High School  
8800 Guilford Road, Columbia, MD 21046

Save the date, bring your family, and be part of the green movement! Together, let's make a positive impact on our environment.

See you at the 10th Annual Green Fest – where sustainability meets celebration!

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**The Reservoir High School Cheerleading program is looking to add NEW talent to our JV and Varsity TEAMS.**

Interested In  
**CHEERLEADING ?**

**RESERVOIR  
HIGH SCHOOL  
2024 -2025**



Contact US !

rehscheer@hcpss.org

Do you have SPIRIT ?  
Are you a LEADER ?  
Enjoy being on a team?

**Fill out the 24-25 Cheerleading Interest Form to receive  
more information**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uwzU8WpYVdozd9A8X\\_HUyaFfkmydBVqVsiT7U9\\_1O0Q/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uwzU8WpYVdozd9A8X_HUyaFfkmydBVqVsiT7U9_1O0Q/edit?usp=sharing)

<https://forms.gle/AF7a62dehrssaZKc8>

## **REMINDERS**

### **Quarter 2 Report Cards**

Quarter 2 report cards became available on Monday, February 5th in HCPSS Connect Synergy. [Instructions on how to access report cards](#) are available online.

### **Drop Off Reminders**

Students should not be dropped off prior to 8:10am. School staff do not report for duty until then. Therefore, there is no adult supervision.

Thank you for your support and cooperation

### **Car Pool Drop off and Pick-up**

The end of the HMS/HES upper parking lot requires merging. Please be mindful and courteous to alternate cars to form a single line when exiting to prevent an accident.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

### **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.

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### **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**




## TOTAL LOVE PROJECT TLP

The purpose of the training series is to teach parents effective parenting skills that create an atmosphere of warmth and mutual respect. Integrated in this approach parents will learn expectations, needs of children for successful experiences, and direct expression of feelings.

**This Event is FREE!!!**

**February 29th 6PM-8PM**  
Trauma Informed Parenting

**March 21st 6PM-8PM**  
Realistic Expectations

**April 25th 6PM-8PM**  
Showing Understanding and Parent Messages

**May 29th 6PM-8PM**  
Structuring and Reinforcement

**June 27th 6PM-8PM**  
Boundaries and Consequences



**Presenter: Maisha Davis, LCSW-C**

 [Event Registration](#)  
Questions Call: (301) 456-0870

 [Website Us](#)  
[www.therapeutic-connections.net](http://www.therapeutic-connections.net)

### HCASC Monthly Meeting

*Wednesday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m., Mt. Hebron High School*

Middle and high school students are invited to attend the Howard County Association of Student Councils (HCASC) February General Assembly. Students may attend in person or online through student HCPSS accounts using Google Meet Code: hcasc-ga.

**2024 Summer Programs Registration Opens February 15 at 6 p.m.:** Synergy online enrollment requests for currently enrolled HCPSS students will open February 15 at 6 p.m. for the Innovative Pathways High School (math and Science courses only), STARTALK Chinese Language Summer Camp, and Summer Math Scholars programs. Updates for the BSAP Summer Institute and G/T Summer Institutes for Talent Development will be shared on February 16.


Families can find up-to-date course information and enrollment directions on the [Summer Programs web page](#)[Links to an external site.](#). Direct questions to the individual program office.

Innovative Pathways High School ([IPSummer@hcpss.org](mailto:IPSummer@hcpss.org))

STARTALK Chinese Language Summer Camp ([STARTALK@hcpss.org](mailto:STARTALK@hcpss.org))

Summer Math Scholars Program ([MathScholars@hcpss.org](mailto:MathScholars@hcpss.org))






# CCR MONTHLY

## February

### Upcoming Events

- **February 27th**
  - Monthly Spotlight: Consumer Services, Hospitality & Tourism - 10AM

Check out Howard County Parks & Rec website for Summer Baking Camp opportunities!




### Career Spotlight



The Consumer Services, Hospitality & Tourism cluster can be broken into two different sections, Sales & Services and Hospitality & Tourism.


This cluster is very people focused. You provide people with different products or services. You could help someone plan a trip, operate a hotel or amusement park, provide cosmetology services (nails, hair, lashes, etc.), or officiate your favorite sport/activity. There are so many different entry points, something for everyone!

Source: careeronestop.org

### Follow Us:


 @HCPSS\_CCR



### CCR Corner

HCPSS offers two career academy related to this cluster including, **Culinary Academy**, which is located at each high school & **Automotive**, located at ARL. There are additional opportunities through **Apprenticeship** available to 12th grade students **ONLY**.



*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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