

HMS Bulletin 4.19.2024

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April 19, 2024**Reminder for Families Who Pick Up and/or Drop Off Children at HES/HMS**

Hammond Families,

Please be respectful of our residential neighbors. We ask that you do not park in reserved parking spaces in the neighboring parking lots of the school. These spaces are only for residents living in the neighborhood. If you are dropping off or picking up your students, we ask that you access the car loop or find parking spaces in our school parking lot.

Thank you for your cooperation,

HES/HMS Administration

IMPORTANT DATES**April 17:** Report Cards Issued (*electronically*)**April 18:** Spring Student Pictures**April 25:** Take Your Child to Work Day**May 14:** Primary Election Day - Schools & Offices closed**May 17:** Articulation Day - 3 hour early dismissal**May 20 & 21:** (*more to come*): MCAP Math Testing**May 27:** Memorial Day - Schools & Offices closed**May 30:** 5th graders visit Middle Schools

June 3: Multicultural Night @ HMS, 5:30pm

June 4: 8th graders visit High Schools

June 7: 8th grade celebration @ the Harriet Tubman Cultural Center 5-8pm

June 12: 3 hour early dismissal - Professional Work Day

June 13: 3 hour early dismissal - Professional Work Day

June 14: Last Day of School - 3 hour early dismissal - Professional Work Day

June 19: Juneteenth - Schools/Offices closed

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS to **Dominic Ye!** He took 1st place in the Civics Bee.

Hammond's Artists

The annual Art Exhibit at the Mall in Columbia is up until May 1st. The Hammond Middle School panel is located on the upper level in front of the old Lord and Taylor store. The show runs until May 1st at 12pm. We hope you can make a trip to the mall with your child(ren) to see the amazing student work. Way to go Mr. Shipley, Ms. Avery and HMS Students!

Message from the Health Room to Current 6th Grade Parents/Guardians

The Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene requires all incoming 7th grade students to have two additional vaccines at the start of the 2024-2025 school year:

1. Meningococcal Vaccine (MCV4)
2. Tdap Vaccine

Please contact your child's health care provider to obtain documentation of these vaccines or to schedule an appointment to receive the required above vaccines if still needed. If your child has not received the above vaccinations, please make an appointment with your child's doctor to do so and email or fax an updated immunization record once vaccines have been received. Having your child's updated immunization record prior to the end of this school year will help eliminate the possibility of exclusion from the start of school next year.

Immunization records can be faxed, emailed or brought to school by your child.

The Health Room fax number is 240-456-0391.

My email address is: christina_toler@hcpss.org.

The Health Room phone number is 410-880-5836.

REMINDERS

A Message from The HMS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

We are excited to host a multicultural night! This is a great opportunity for you to share your culture with the rest of the school community.

- What: Multicultural Night
- When: June 3rd @ 5:30pm
- Where: Hammond Middle School

2024-2025 Bus Service Registration: To help HCPSS plan for student transportation needs for the 2024-2025 school year, bus service registration for the 2024-2025 school year will open for parents/guardians of eligible students on April 8. Families will be notified on April 4 via districtwide email/website post with translations, and a reminder in the HCPSS News email to families on April 10. Families will be asked to complete registration by May 31 to better inform development of routes and busing needs. Details on [Bus Transportation Registration](#) [Links to an external site.](#) are available on the HCPSS website.

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.

From The HMS PTA

Join Us for Hammond Middle School's 8th Grade Celebration!

- Date: June 7th, 2024
- Time: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- Location: Harriet Tubman Cultural Center. 8045 Harriet Tubman Ln, Columbia, MD 21044.

Get ready to celebrate in style at the Harriet Tubman Cultural Center in Columbia! Hammond Middle School invites you to our 8th Grade Extravaganza, where the fun never stops!

Experience an evening packed with excitement, including:

- Groove to the beats of our incredible DJ, spinning the hottest tracks all night long!
- Strike a pose and capture memories at our fantastic photo booth!
- Dive into the action with thrilling video gaming activities!
- Indulge in delicious food to keep you fueled for the festivities!

- Exciting gifts and surprises await our amazing attendees!

Don't miss out on this unforgettable celebration! Purchase your tickets now [HERE](#) and secure your spot for a night of laughter, music, and endless fun. Let's make memories together at Hammond Middle School's 8th Grade Celebration!

Please email kvmueller@gmail.com if you would like to chaperone the event.

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

Teen Summer Reading Promotional Video Contest

Howard County Library System

Like making videos? Want to win \$100, \$75 or a \$50 gift card? Enter Howard County Library System's Teen Summer Reading Video Contest. Create an engaging video about the Teen Summer Reading, to possibly win a gift card and have your video featured on our social media platforms, in our branches and during school promotions! For more information on how to enter, visit: bit.ly/srwins.

Bike Repair Clinic

CrossLife Community Church

Saturday, May 4, 10 am - 12 pm

Get your bikes ready for the summer by bringing them to our free bike repair clinic. We will be performing tasks such as checking tire pressure, adjusting seat height, checking brakes, and more. Patapsco Bicycles will be providing professional support. The Howard County Police will be providing bicycle safety information. Pre-registration is not required but will help us in planning.

Meeting at Ducketts Lane Elementary School (Sponsored by CrossLife Community Church)

Location
6501 Ducketts Lane
Elkridge, MD 21075
United States

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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