

HMS Bulletin

August 30, 2024



We had a terrific first week at Hammond Middle School! Students opened lockers, navigated the hallways, made it to class on time and talked to new friends! Every student also attended a presentation on the Student Code of Conduct and Howard County Policies. Policy assemblies occurred on Thursday and Friday of this week for 7th and 8th graders, & Tuesday next week for 6th graders through Social Studies classes. [Here is a link to the presentation.](#) Students will sign a digital signature page stating they were presented with the information, and we will also post the presentation on our school website. Policies will be presented to parents/guardians at Back to School Night as well.

IMPORTANT DATES

- September 2:** Labor Day - Schools/Offices closed
- September 5:** 1st HMS PTA Meeting @ 5pm (HMS cafeteria)
- September 5:** Back to School Night @ 6pm
- September 10:** HMS Music Families Info Night @ 6pm
- September 18:** Professional Work & Wellness Day - 3 hour early dismissal
- September 25:** Student Picture Day
- October 3:** Rosh Hashanah -Schools & Offices Closed
- October 18:** Professional Work Day - Schools Closed for Students

October 29: HMS Flu Clinic

October 30: End of 1st Marking Period

October 31: Professional Work and Development Day - Schools Closed for Students

November 5: Election Day - Schools & Offices Closed

November 8: Report Cards Issued

[NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS](#)

Update Your Family File (63% Completed)

All families must update their emergency contact information annually. While we recognize many of you may not have any changes, you must transition through each screen and click submit at the end for this task to be completed.

The completion of the Family File is essential to your student's participation in field trips, dances, and other fun activities throughout the year. We want DMS to be the first middle school to have 100% of its families complete this important task, so visit [HCPSS Connect](#) today and click submit on the final screen!

Once logged in, you will be asked to update or provide the following information:

- Student Information
- Parent/Guardian Contact
- Emergency Contacts
- Medical Information
- Arrival/Dismissal Procedures and Transportation Options
- Photo Approval
- Data Confidentiality
- Student Creative Work Approval
- PTA/PTSA Directory

[FAMILY FILE USER GUIDE \(ENGLISH\)](#)

[FAMILY FILE USER GUIDE \(SPANISH\)](#)

[FAMILY FILE USER GUIDE \(KOREAN\)](#)

[Back to School Night](#)

Back to School Night will be held on Thursday, September 5th. We are looking forward to having you visit our school, meet your child's teachers, and learn more about the classes your child is taking this school year. In order to make the night an enjoyable experience for all, please be reminded of the following:

- Back to School Night will be held in person at Hammond Middle School.
- The PTA will host a meeting at 5:00 in the cafeteria
- The night will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. in Advisory classes.
- This event is for parents/guardians. We respectfully ask that you leave your child(ren) at home due to space limitations.

From the Health Room

- If You Are Sick With a Respiratory Virus

The CDC has released [updated recommendations](#) for how people can protect themselves from respiratory viruses, including COVID-19, flu and RSV. *This updated guidance applies to community settings.*

- Stay home
- Return to normal activities when symptoms improve and you are fever free for 24 hours without medication
- For the next 5 days, wear a mask and limit close contact with others, especially those at risk for severe illness

Student Picture Day

Dear Parents,

School Pictures Inc. is here to keep your family smiling! Picture Day is coming soon.

Access your Pre-Order options by clicking the image below. Having trouble viewing? Follow the directions provided on the image.

PICTURE DAY: September 25,2025

SCHOOL NAME: Hammond Middle School

PRE-ORDER CODE: HMSF24

You Can Pre-Order Portraits Online: Go to www.schoolpix.com

Order form: [SchoolPic_Flyer.pdf](#)

We look forward to seeing your smiles soon on Picture Day!

The Team at School Pictures, Inc.

The Book Fair is coming!

This year we will be hosting the Book Fair during after-school hours. Visit us Wednesday, September 4th, 4-6 pm or Thursday, September 5th, 4-8:30 pm. We will continue to be cashless this year.

Check out the digital flyer [here!](#) Online shopping is also available [here](#) starting 9/2. Please email lora_koehler@hcpss.org if you have any questions

All proceeds help us continue to build our library program and supplement school needs! We appreciate the support!

From the Music Department

Tuesday, September 10, 6pm - HMS Music Families Info Night!

Come meet other Hammond MS music families, socialize, and hear about music department events, activities, and volunteer opportunities for the year!

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

Between September 18 and September 20, place your ice cream order and it will be delivered to Hammond Middle School for pick-up on Monday, September 23 after school. \$15 from each order will support the HMS Music Department! Please share widely and encourage your friends and neighbors to order ice cream as well!

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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:
Friday, September 20 @ 11 PM

Group Coupon Code:
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Delivery Date:
Monday, September 23
Pick up 4-6 PM at HMS

Scan to Order! →

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FROM THE HMS PTA

First PTA Meeting of the School Year

Thursday, September 5th

5:00pm – 6:00pm (Right before Back to School Night!)

HMS Cafeteria

In person only (Future meetings will have a virtual option)

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

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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