

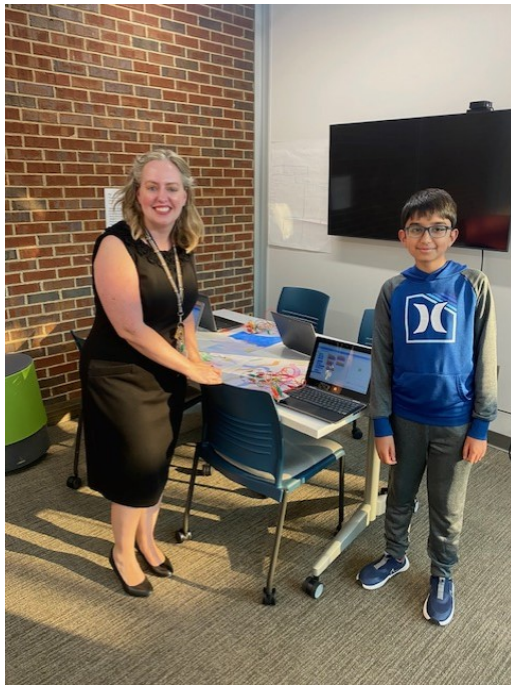
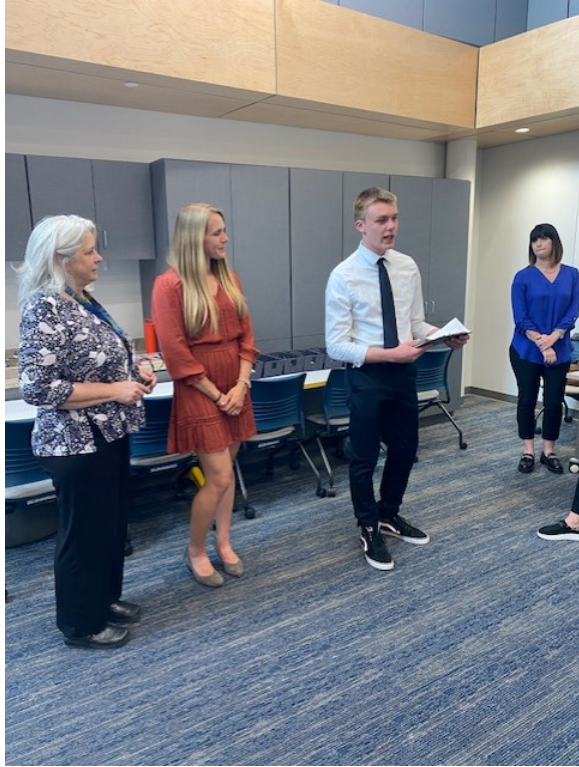
Moments at the Middle School

From Dr. Lux and Mr. Rice

May 19, 2023

We want to first recognize our students and staff for all of the wonderful extra work that they have put in this week at school and extracurricular activities. Check out some of the great things that have been happening!





Concerts

Way to go to students involved in our concerts this week! We held our Orchestra concert on Wednesday, led by Mrs. Stepson, and our Chorus concert on Thursday, led by Mrs. Heere and Mr. Meyer. We appreciate all of the hard work put forth by students and our music teachers, as

well as by parents, who encourage students to practice and get them to and from rehearsals and concerts!

Remake Learning

Earlier this week, we had the opportunity to showcase some of the innovative practices we engage our students in here at HMS at Remake Learning, which was held at the high school. A special thank you to the students and teachers who presented at this event!

Cheers for Ears

The month of May is Better Speech and Hearing Month. To celebrate, we will be participating in the Cheers for Ears program by holding penny wars during the entire May 22nd week. Proceeds will go to the Friends of the Hearing Center at Children's Hospital. This organization supports children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing, as well as the teachers who work in this field. Last year, Cheers for Ears donations provided educational supplies for teachers of children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and provided over 100 retention headbands to infants and toddlers who wear hearing aids or cochlear implants.

Starting on Monday 5/22, a bucket will be provided to each grade level team. During lunch, students will have the opportunity to donate. Each penny earns your team a point, and quarters, nickels, dimes, and dollars cancels another team's points. The winning team will earn an ice cream sundae party on June 1st.

Reality Fair - Monday, June 6th (We need your help! 😊)

We are excited about our fifth rotation Reality Fair, which will take place during the morning of Tuesday, June 6th. As a reminder, the Reality Fair takes place out of our 8th grade Career Awareness rotation course. Your presence would be required from approximately **7:30 am-9:30 am**. If you are interested in volunteering, and have not yet signed up, please do so using the following link: <https://forms.gle/VnCuWmfhHNoF6ZnJA>

Additional details about the event will be emailed to you closer to the event. We truly appreciate the partnership with all of you so that we can offer unique experiences such as this to our students. If you have any questions, please email Mr. Rice (zachary.rice@ht-sd.org).

8th Grade Dinner/Dance - Saturday, June 3rd from 6 to 9 pm

We are very excited to celebrate with all of our 8th grade students for this special dinner and dancing event! The annual dinner/dance will be held on June 3rd from 6-9 pm at Hampton High School. Tickets are \$15 per student. **RSVP forms should have already been turned in.** Also, please note that we plan to create a picture slideshow of our students. The dance is semi-formal, and we do ask that the dresses/formal attire follow the school dress code. This is also not a "date dance" -- just come and have fun! There will be a buffet of food from Emiliano's, a photo booth, dancing and games! If you have any questions, please reach out to Trish Buben at tab190@gmail.com. We are so grateful to our PTO for helping with this event!

Photos for 8th Grade Dinner/Dance

Attention parents of 8th graders!

If your child is attending the dinner dance (and we hope all of them do!) we would like you to share a baby (or very young child) photo and a current photo of your child. Traditionally, a slide show of all of these photos is shown during the Dinner Dance. You can upload your files here: <https://airtable.com/shrEGdwoFzlOijj6P>.

Please upload by May 26. If you have any questions, contact Trish Buben at tab190@gmail.com.

PASS Survey- 7th and 8th Grade Students

In the Fall, students in 7th and 8th grades participated in the PASS Survey. There will be an end-of-year survey administered to 7th and 8th grade students. Students in 7th and 8th grades will take the survey during Tutorial on May 22nd.

The PASS Survey takes students approximately 15-20 minutes to complete on their school device. It addresses non-academic barriers to learning, broken down into the categories of school connectedness, motivation, and self-efficacy.

If you previously requested that your child not participate in the Fall administration of the PASS Survey, your students will automatically be exempt from the Spring administration unless you notify us otherwise. If you have not previously requested that your child be exempted from the survey, and you would like to for the spring administration, please email your child's counselor.

Join our PTO!

First, we would like to thank our amazing PTO for all of the wonderful work that they do for our students and for our school. We are so grateful to have such a dedicated and hardworking group of parents who spend countless hours working to create special opportunities for our students. We would like to encourage you and ask you to consider joining our PTO! We will have several PTO board vacancies next year, and many opportunities to help. If you are interested in joining, please contact Mr. Rice or Dr. Lux, and we will direct you to a PTO representative. We are looking into possibilities to increase participation in PTO, such as offering occasional evening meetings and Zoom options.

Homework Club

Homework Club is offered on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays after school from 2:45 to 3:45 pm. If your child would benefit from receiving a teacher's help with his or her assignments, then Homework Club may definitely help! We will have two certified teachers available to assist the students with their assignments. Students will need transportation home at 3:45 pm; students will be picked up from the front of our building.

Math Lab

Math Lab is a great option for all of our students!

- Does your child need help with a math problem?
- Does your child need help completing his or her math homework?
- Does your child need help studying for an upcoming math quiz or test?

If you answered yes to any of the questions above, then the HMS math lab is the place for your student to get some help from one of our certified math teachers! Math Lab will run 4 days per week: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 2:45 to 3:45 pm; students will meet in D403, the Math Lab.

Upcoming Reminders:

- ❖ Talbot Treehouse Activity- “Break Out of Mr. Limoncello’s Library- Mon. 5/22, 7th Period
- ❖ PASS Survey- Week of 5/22
- ❖ Keystone Testing Makeups - Mon. 5/22 and Tues. 5/23
- ❖ 7th Grade Band/Orchestra Adjudication & Kennywood - Friday, May 19th
- ❖ Pirates Game for our HMS Band - Saturday, May 20th
- ❖ 6th Grade RiverQuest Field Trip - Blue Team - May 25th & May 26th
- ❖ NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day - Monday, May 29th
- ❖ 6th Grade RiverQuest Field Trip - Gold Team - June 1st & June 2nd
- ❖ 8th Grade Day - Friday, June 2nd
- ❖ 8th Grade Dinner/Dance - Saturday, June 3rd
- ❖ Reality Fair - Tuesday, June 6th
- ❖ Last Days of School (Half Days) - June 8th and June 9th
- ❖ Clerical Day - Monday, June 12th

Club Meetings for May:

- ❖ Helping Hands Club - Tues. 5/23, 2:40-3:30, Room G708
- ❖ American Sign Language Club - Wed. 5/24, 2:40-3:55, Room F609
- ❖ Creative Writing Club - Thurs. 5/25, 2:40-3:45, Room H804
- ❖ Chess Club - Thursday, 5/18, 6:00-8:00pm, Hampton Library & Community Center, Activity Room 1