

Moments at the Middle School

From Dr. Lux and Mr. Rice

November 17, 2022

We would like to thank all of our students and staff who brought something in for the HMS Food Drive, "Hearts Give Hope." Founded in 2012, Inspired Hearts and Hands (IH2) works to serve those who are less fortunate in Allegheny and Butler County, namely families who are designated as financially and circumstantially disadvantaged. We appreciate our Student Council for leading this drive during such an important time of year.

HMS Musical

Hampton Middle School's musical production premieres this Thursday, November 17th at 7:00 pm. There will also be performances at 7:00 pm on Friday, November 18th, and at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm on Saturday, November 19th. General admission tickets are for sale at the door for \$10. Based on the real-life Newsboy Strike of 1899, this Disney musical tells the story of Jack Kelly (Jordan Schafer, grade 7), a rebellious newsboy who dreams of a life as an artist away from the big city. After publishing giant Joseph Pulitzer raises newspaper prices at the newsboys' expense, Kelly and his fellow newsies take action. With help from the beautiful female reporter Katherine Plumber (Rosha Kazemi, grade 8), all of New York City soon recognizes the power of "the little man." About 100 students in grades 6-8 comprise the cast, crew, and pit.

Attendance Email

If your child is absent or late for school, there is a **new way to send an excuse**. You may now email HMSattendance@ht-sd.org with your child's name, date of absence/tardy, reason for absence, and your name. You may also email a picture or scan of a medical note. Alternatively, you may continue to send in a physical note with your student if you prefer. Please do not email an excuse to an individual staff member.

Remember, students are permitted 10 parental excuses for absences for the school year. Any further absences must be accompanied by a medical excuse. Students are also permitted 3 parental excuses for late arrivals. Further late arrivals are considered unexcused, unless they are accompanied by a medical note.

Donations for Kenyan Chess Players

HMS student Benjamin Lin, a nationally ranked chess player, initiated a Chess Library fundraiser to support young chess players in Kenya. More information for the fundraiser is in the attached flier. Please consider making a donation to support these enthusiastic learners!

Middle School Basketball Tryouts

Are your students interested in trying out for basketball? If so, please see the important details below!

Boys Middle School Basketball Tryouts (grades 7 and 8 only):

Coach Mr. Andrews: sandrewsredsox@hotmail.com

Friday, 11/18/22, 8th grade from 4:30 - 6 pm, 7th grade from 6 - 7:30 pm

Saturday, 11/19/22, 8th grade from 8 - 9:30 am, 7th grade from 9:30 - 11 am

Monday, 11/21/22, 8th grade from 4:30 - 6 pm, 7th grade from 6 - 7:30 pm

Girls Middle School Basketball Tryouts (grades 7 and 8 only):

Coach Ms. Bukovac: bukovac@ht-sd.org

Monday, 11/21/22, 3-4:30 pm

Tuesday, 11/22/22, 3-4:30 pm

All student athletes must have an updated Healthy Roster account by **11/16/22**. Please use this link for additional information: <https://hamptonathletics.org/sports-physicalsfamilyid/>

If you have any additional questions, please contact the Mrs. Gibbons at the Athletic Office by emailing her at the following address: gibbons@ht-sd.org

Middle School Wrestling

Are your students interested in wrestling for the middle school team? If so, please make a note about the MANDATORY practice for wrestling in grades 7 and 8.

Wrestling 1st MANDATORY practice (grades 7 and 8 only):

Coach Bower: jamiembower@gmail.com

Friday, 11/18/22, 3 pm, HMS Wrestling Room

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HMS Book Fair: 11/14-11/18

The PTO Fall Book Fair returned to HMS this week! Keeping in theme with the fall musical production of Newsies Jr, "The Stories Behind the Stories" event will be a great time for all! For details about the **Book Fair**, please view the infographic here:

[PTO FALL BOOK FAIR @HMS \(2022\)](#)

Upcoming Reminders for November:

- **HMS Book Fair** - November 14th - 18th
- **Children's Grief Awareness Day** - Thursday, November 17th (**wear a hat for a \$1 donation**)
- **Sci Tech Enrichment Field Trip**- Science Center- Friday, November 18th
- **HMS Musical** - Thursday, November 17th - Saturday, November 19th
- **Be the Change Day (7th grade)** - Tuesday, November 22nd
- **Thanksgiving Break** - Thursday, November 24th through Monday, November 28th; students return to school on Tuesday, November 29th

- **Advisory** - December 1st

Club Meetings for November:

- **Homework Club** - M-Th, 2:45-3:45 pm
- **Math Lab** - M-Th, 2:45-3:45 pm
- **Sci Tech Enrichment Activity** - November 18th, periods 2-7, Maker Studio (sign up in Maker Studio)
- **Chess Practice**- November 21st- Periods 7 & 8, Maker Studio (D409)
- **Cooking Club**- November 21st- 3:15
- **Best Buddies**- November 21st- 2:40-3:45- Room H804
- **Yearbook Club**- November 22nd- 2:40-3:30- Room G703
- **Fun and Fellowship Club**- November 23rd- 7:25 am-7:45 am- Back Room of Library
- **American Sign Language Club**- November 23rd- 2:40-3:55