

Moments at the Middle School

From Dr. Lux and Mr. Rice

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We want to congratulate students on officially making it to the final quarter of the school year. Please enjoy the upcoming spring break, and use the time to refresh and connect. Families, we are so grateful to have the privilege of learning and growing with your children every day. They are spirited, hard-working, kind-hearted, and unique, and we are reminded daily of how lucky we are to work with them.

Spring Break

Please remember, there is no school for students on Thursday, April 6th, Friday, April 7th, and Monday, April 10th. We hope all students and families enjoy a relaxing and refreshing break. We look forward to seeing you back after the break!

Student Assembly - Mr. Jon Pritikin

We were thrilled to welcome back Mr. Jon Pritikin to Hampton Middle School today, famous motivational speaker! Mr. Pritikin shared with our students a very heartfelt story about his struggles throughout school, including bullying and struggling academically. He overcame his hardships and actually broke and set two Guinness World Records. The official record title that landed his picture in the Guinness Book of World Records is: "The Tightest Circumference of Two Aluminum Frying Pans Rolled Together with His Bare Hands in Less than 30 Seconds." Check out some fun pictures below from today's assembly!





Faculty vs. Student Basketball Game

Yesterday, we held our annual Faculty vs. Student Basketball game after school. This year, all proceeds will go to *Aiden's Helping Hands*. Aiden Hanna, HHS student, was diagnosed in August with osteosarcoma. Following this diagnosis, Aiden started a charity called Aiden's Helping Hands. The main goal of this charity is to help raise awareness and lift others up during their cancer journey.

We were overwhelmed with the student and faculty excitement and support for this great event. Please take a look at some pictures below. A special thank you to our PTO, Mrs. Hurst, and Mr. Lagnese for making this event possible.





Reality Fair - Monday, April 17th (We need your help! 😊)

We are excited about our fourth rotation Reality Fair, which will take place during the morning of Monday, April 17th. As a reminder, the Reality Fair takes place out of our 8th grade Career Awareness rotation course. We currently have 20 volunteers signed up, but would like a minimum of 24 for the event to run smoothly. 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).

Summer Camps at Beattie

The Summer Camps at Beattie are open to any student entering 6th grade through entering 9th grade. Please click on the link below to view the offerings.

[2023 Summer Camp Registration is Open - A.W. Beattie Career Center \(beattietech.com\)](https://www.beattietech.com)

Children's Book Donations

The Rotary Club is working with Head Start; they are asking for you to consider donating gently used Children's books from birth to grade 5 reading level. Please consider donating some books. Your student may bring them to the HMS Main Office.

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.

After-School Activity Pickup

A friendly reminder to please be sure to arrive on-time to pick up your students from after-school activities. Sponsors for after-school activities are not always able to stay later after the event has ended, so it is important to retrieve your child on-time.

PSSAs/Keystones

Please note that PSSAs and Keystone Exams will occur during the last week of April and first week of May. Specifically, all students in grades 6-8 will take the ELA PSSAs on April 24, 25 and 26. Math PSSAs for all grades will occur on May 1-2, and Science PSSAs for grade 8 only will take place on May 3-4. Students who are currently enrolled in Honors Algebra I will take the Algebra I Keystone exam on May 16-17. Unfortunately, we cannot approve student trips on days that our students will be testing. Information about PSSAs has been mailed home to all students in grades 6-8, and information about Keystones will be mailed home to families of students enrolled in Algebra I in the next few days. Please take the time to read this information, and note that all cell phones and smart watches must either be left at home or powered off in lockers during testing.

Upcoming Reminders:

- **Bake Sale Day** - Monday, 4/3 & Tuesday, 4/4 - during lunches - homemade cookies for \$1 to support a local family going thru hard times
- **NO SCHOOL - Spring Break** - Thursday, 4/6 thru Monday, 4/10 - return to school Tuesday, 4/11
- **Report Cards Available** - Wednesday, 4/12
- **Advisory** - Thursday, 4/13
- **Reality Fair, 8th grade Career Awareness** - Monday, 4/17
- **End of 4th Rotation** - Tuesday, 4/18
- **Beginning of 5th Rotation** - Wednesday, 4/19
- **PSSA ELA Testing** - Monday, 4/24 through Wednesday, 4/26

Club Meetings for March:

- **French Club** - Friday, 3/31, 2:45 - 3:45 pm, room D416
- **Gardening Club** - Thursday, 3/31, 2:45 - 3:15, lobby - Hydroponics
- **Enrichment Workshop** - Monday, 4/3 - during tutorials - Robotics Studio
- **Stock Market Club** - Monday, 4/3, 2:45 - 3:15 pm, room F608
- **Tinker Crate STEAM Kits** - Monday, 4/3, during 8th period tutorials - Talbot Treehouse
- **Helping Hands** - Tuesday, 4/4, 2:45 - 3:30 pm, room G708
- **Fun and Fellowship Club and Hampton HS Bible Club** - Wednesday, 4/ 5, 7:00 am, sunrise Easter service/breakfast, Hampton Community Center