

## Moments at the Middle School

*From Dr. Lux and Mr. Rice*

*May 11, 2023*

We would like to first recognize all students for the hard work they have put forth over the past few weeks in school and out of school.

We have been so impressed by students' work, not only in class, but in showcasing their hard work in extracurricular activities- band, chorus, track, baseball, and all of our many other clubs and activities.

### **Concerts**

Fantastic work to all of our students in band, percussion ensemble, and symphonic band at their concerts this week. A special thank you to our band staff – Mrs. Hetrick, Mr. Desguin, and Mr. Himmeler for their hard work guiding and preparing our students. Also a special note of appreciation to the teachers who dusted off their trumpets, flutes, and clarinets to play in the symphonic band numbers. Please consider supporting our students at the Orchestra and Chorus concerts next Wednesday and Thursday!

### **Teacher Appreciation Week**

This week is Teacher Appreciation Week. We would like to acknowledge all of the dedication and hard work of our teachers at HMS. We are incredibly lucky to have a group of such caring and talented individuals serving our school. Please remember to thank your children's teachers for all that they do.

### **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 were to be turned in by today, Friday!** 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### ***Cheerleading Tryouts***

Cheerleading tryouts for the 2023-2024 school year will be held next week at HMS. Instructional sessions will be held on May 15, 16, and 17 from 6:00-7:30. Tryouts will be on Thursday, May 18th at 5:00pm. Tryouts are open to students who will be in 7th or 8th grade next year. Please see the flyer attached.

### ***"8th Grade Day" - Friday, June 2nd***

Our teachers and staff are very excited to celebrate our 8th grade students! We will be taking the ***8th grade class to Kennywood on Friday, June 2nd!*** Approximately 15 HMS teachers/staff will be chaperoning this trip! The 8th grade students were given a flier including all of the details. We will leave HMS at 9:45 am and return to HMS at 7 pm. The cost for the ticket and transportation is \$43/student, made payable to HTSD. Our PTO will be providing each of our students with an 8th Grade Day t-shirt. **If you have a financial need, please reach out to your child's school counselor.** We are very excited to take all of our students!

### ***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:***

- **7th Grade Zoo Field Trip** - Friday, 5/12
- **Keystone Testing** - Tuesday, 5/16 and Wednesday, 5/17

- **Orchestra Concert** - Wednesday, 5/17, 7:00pm, HMS Auditorium
- **Cheerleading Sessions and Tryouts**- May 15-17 (6-7:30) and May 18 (5pm)
- **Advisory** - Thursday, 5/18
- **Chorus Concert** - Thursday, 5/18 at 7 pm
- **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:***

- **Best Buddies** - Monday, 5/15, 2:40-3:45, Room H804
- **Fun and Fellowship** - Wednesday, 5/17, 7:25-7:45 am, back room of Library
- **Student Council Meeting** - Wednesday, 5/17, 2:40-3:45, Room G704
- **Chess Club** - Thursday, 5/18, 6:00-8:00pm, Hampton Library & Community Center, Activity Room 1