

Moments at the Middle School

From Dr. Lux and Mr. Rice

May 4, 2023

We would like to congratulate students on all of their hard work with PSSAs over the past two weeks. We understand the amount of effort students and staff have put forth all year to learn and grow. The tests are just a small artifact to show the learning that is occurring!

We are entering our final month of school; this is a time for getting ready for a grade-level transition, showcasing hard work through concerts and games, and digging deep to exhibit responsible, motivated, and safe behavior.

Over the next week, students who need to make up PSSAs will do so. Students enrolled in Honors Algebra I will take the Keystone Assessments on May 16th and 17th.

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. For the past two years, Niche has ranked our district as #1 out of 496 school districts for having the best teachers in the state. This comes as no surprise to us when we see all of the amazing things going on in the classrooms, gyms, and studios of our school. More important than any rankings, however, are the care, patience, and support that we see from our teachers every day. Please take a moment to thank your students' 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. *The paper invitation was distributed in homeroom today!* Tickets are \$15 per student. We ask that you send in the RSVP form by May 12th. Also, please note that we plan to create a picture slideshow of our students. Watch for the note on how to upload your photos in the invitation! 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!

"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!

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://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.

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:

- **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK** - May 8th through May 12th
- **Central Elem Visits HMS** - Monday, May 8th
- **Poff Elem Visits HMS** - Tuesday, May 9th
- **Wyland Elem Visits HMS** - Wednesday, May 10th
- **7th & 8th Grade Band Concert** - Wednesday, 5/10, 7:00pm, HMS Auditorium
- **5th & 6th Grade Band Concert** - Wednesday, 5/11, 7:00pm, HMS Auditorium
- **Advanced PE Field Trip** - Thursday, 5/11
- **7th Grade Zoo Field Trip** - Friday, 5/12
- **Orchestra Concert** - Wednesday, 5/17, 7:00pm, HMS Auditorium
- **Advisory** - Thursday, 5/18
- **Chorus Concert** - Thursday, 5/18 at 7 pm
- **7th Grade Band/Orchestra Adjudication & Kennywood** - Friday, May 19th

Club Meetings for April & Beginning of May:

- **Enrichment Workshop** - Monday, May 8, during tutorial, Maker Studio
- **Helping Hands** - Tuesday, May 9, 2:45-3:30, Room G708
- **HMS Symphonic Band Rehearsal** - Tuesday, May 9, 2:40-3:40, HMS Auditorium
- **HMS Symphonic Band Rehearsal** - Wednesday, May 10, 2:40-3:40, HMS Auditorium
- **American Sign Language (ASL) Club** - Thursday, May 11, 2:40-3:55, Room F609