

Moments at the Middle School

From Dr. Lux and Mr. Rice

March 9, 2023

Chorus Concert

Great job to the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students on Tuesday at the chorus concert. There was a phenomenal turnout, and students did an amazing job showcasing their talent. A special thank you to Mr. Meyer and Mrs. Heere for the hard work they have put forth to prepare students and plan for the concert, and thank you to all families for supporting their student's interest in the arts. Please consider attending the orchestra concert for grades 5-12 next Wednesday, March 15th at 7:00 in the HMS auditorium.

Faculty vs. Student Basketball Game

We are excited to announce that our annual Faculty vs. Student Basketball game will be held on Thursday, March 30th from approximately 2:40-4:30. 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 would love for our students to stay after school on Thursday, March 30th to attend this very fun, annual event. The students always enjoy watching their teachers play basketball against the students. Most importantly, it is for a good cause! The game will end at 4:30 pm.

Students may purchase tickets for \$3 in advance or \$5 at the door. Additionally, there will be a gift basket raffles (donated by PTO and teachers), 50/50 drawing, concessions, and a free throw contest. Students may purchase game tickets and raffle basket tickets during lunches on March 29th and March 30th.

If attending the game, students will need to be picked up by a family member immediately after the game, at 4:30 pm at the cafeteria entrance in the back of the school. We will enact the normal pick-up procedures that we have during the school day.

Library Newsletter

Please click on the link below to access the Winter edition of our Library Newsletter, created by Mrs. Januck.

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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.

Upcoming Student Assembly - Mr. Jon Pritikin

We are really excited to welcome back to Hampton Middle School Mr. Jon Pritikin, famous motivational speaker! When we heard Mr. Pritikin would be in the area (as he lives in CA), we immediately worked to book him at HMS. Jon shares 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."

Jon Pritikin will visit HMS on Thursday, March 30th. A special thank you to our PTO and Student Council for helping to make this possible!

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.**

Upcoming Reminders:

- **Orchestra Concert, grades 5-12** - Wednesday, 3/15 at 7 pm, HMS Auditorium
- **Teen Screen, Grade 8 Field Trip** - Thursday, 3/16
- **NO SCHOOL** - Friday, 3/16
- **Advisory** - Thursday, 3/23
- **End of 3rd Quarter** - Friday, 3/24
- **Jon Pritikin Motivational Assembly** - Thursday, 3/30
- **Faculty / Student Basketball Game** - Thursday, 3/30, 2:40 - 4:30 pm (students attending the game can simply stay after school)

Club Meetings for March:

- **French Club** - Friday, 3/10, 2:45 - 3:45 pm, room D416
- **Science Bowl - Enrichment** - Friday, 3/10, during tutorials (students will compete in teams of 4 on science challenges around the Carnegie Museum of Natural History)
- **How to Crochet Class** - Friday, 3/10, during period 8 tutorials, Library's Talbot Treehouse
- **Stock Market Club, Trade Day** - Monday, 3/13, 2:45 - 3:30 pm, room F608
- **Helping Hands Club** - Tuesday, 3/14, 2:45 - 3:30 pm, room G708
- **Cricut Workshop - Enrichment** - Tuesday, 3/14, during tutorials (students will design their own t-shirt in this workshop)
- **How to Crochet Class** - Tuesday, 3/14, during period 8 tutorials, Library's Talbot Treehouse
- **German Club** - Tuesday, 3/14, 2:45 - 3:45 pm, room D408
- **Student Council** - Wednesday, 3/15, 2:45 - 3:45 pm, room G704
- **How to Crochet Class** - Thursday, 3/16, during period 8 tutorials, Library's Talbot Treehouse