

Moments at the Middle School

From Dr. Lux and Mr. Rice

June 2, 2023

Our students and staff did a wonderful job raising money for the “Cheers for Ears” program with UPMC Center for Hearing. We conducted a “Penny War” between our 6 interdisciplinary teams last week, and we raised \$1,202.70! The Gold Team came in first place, and the Challenger Team came in second! We will be treating the winning team to an ice cream party on Monday. Thank you so much for supporting this great cause. The Cheers for Ears program will also be donating 6 books to the middle school library with stories involving characters with hearing loss.

“8th Grade Day” - TOMORROW - Friday, June 2nd

Our teachers and staff are very excited to celebrate our 8th grade students this Friday at Kennywood!

DETAILS:

- We will leave HMS at 9:45 am and return to HMS at 7 pm.
- The students will watch a movie in our auditorium prior to leaving.
- Our PTO will be providing each of our students with an 8th Grade Day t-shirt - we distributed these to our students today!
- Students are asked to wear these 8th grade day t-shirts for the Kennywood trip tomorrow

Final Days of School: 6/8 & 6/9

Our final two days of school will be half-days for our students. On Thursday, June 8th we will run periods 1-4 and on Friday, June 9th we will run periods 5-8. **Middle School students will be dismissed at 10:50 am on both days. Parent pick-up will begin at 10:55 am.**

Thursday, June 8		Friday, June 9	
Homeroom	7:50-7:57	Homeroom	7:50-7:57
Period 1	8:00-8:41	Period 5	8:00-8:41
Period 2	8:43-9:24	Period 6	8:43-9:24
Period 3	9:26-10:07	Period 7	9:26-10:07
Period 4	10:09-10:50	Period 8	10:09-10:50
Dismissal	10:50 am	Dismissal	10:50 am

*Parent pick-up begins at 10:55 am, following bus dismissal

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 this Saturday, June 3rd, from 6-9 pm at Hampton High School. RSVP forms should have already been turned in. 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! Please drop your 8th grade student off at the front of the High School building, door # , and pick them up at 9:00 pm. Remember, all students must be picked up by a parent, guardian, or by a friend's parent or guardian.

A Message from HMS Library

There's nothing like reading a cool book on a hot summer day! Our Talbot Library Crew has assembled a display in the hallway outside HMS Library that offers book recommendations for summer reading. Please consider visiting the Hampton Community Library's website for special summer reading program opportunities: <https://www.hamptoncommunitylibrary.org/>. Review the attached flier for further details.

The Spring/Summer edition of the [HMS Library Family Newsletter](#) is available. We hope you enjoy learning about some of the exciting events that took place within HMS Library this spring.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank HMS parents and families for their support of reading, HMS Library book clubs, and other program initiatives. It has been a pleasure to serve HMS students and teachers this year.

We hope your family enjoys a summer filled with happiness and great stories!
Mrs. Januck and Mrs. Nielsen

5th to 6th grade Transition plan - next steps

We greatly enjoyed meeting families of incoming new students this week at the HMS Parent Orientation! If you were not able to make it but would like to view the slideshow that was presented, please email Dr. Lux or Mr. Rice. On **August 16th, we will host the annual "Mingle in the Middle" event for our soon-to-be 6th grade students.** The students will receive their class schedules and know their team assignments in early August! Fifth grade parents were sent a more detailed letter via Infinite Campus earlier last week.

Reality Fair - Tuesday, June 6th (We need your help! 😊)

We are excited about our last Reality Fair, which will take place during the morning of Tuesday, June 6th. As a reminder, the Reality Fair takes place out of our 8th grade Career Awareness rotation course. 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).

Join our PTO!

Please 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.

Summer Baseball League

The Hampton Athletic Association will be presenting the Summer Sandlot Style Baseball and Softball League from late June through August. Please see the attached information if your student is interested.

Special Education Transition Discoveries Grant

The Special Education department is participating in Cohort III of the [Transition Discoveries](#) grant. This semester, their goal is to receive feedback from students, parents, and stakeholders to improve the HTSD Special Education Program. They are looking for input from families K-12.

If you have 15-20 minutes, please consider completing this [Transition Discoveries Survey](#) by June 7th. This survey can be taken on a computer, iPad, tablet, or phone. The goal of this survey is to learn about successful practices to support youth with disabilities (ages 14-25 years old) in their transition from school to adult life. Our district will use the anonymous results of this survey to guide future efforts to improve practices, programs, and services. *There are no right or wrong answers!* We realize that your time is valuable and greatly appreciate your input! Please contact Dr. Sharon Smith, Director of Special Education at HTSD, if you have any additional questions.

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.

The last day for Homework Club this year will be on Wednesday, June 7th.

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.

The last day for Math Lab this year will be on Wednesday, June 7th.

Upcoming Reminders:

- **6th Grade RiverQuest Field Trip - Gold Team** - June 1st & June 2nd
- **"8th Grade Day" at Kennywood** - Friday, June 2nd
- **8th Grade Dinner/Dance** - Saturday, June 3rd, HHS, 6-9 pm
- **Reality Fair** - Tuesday, June 6th
- **Last Days of School (Half Days)** - June 8th and June 9th, dismissal at 10:50 am

Club Meetings for June:

- **American Sign Language Club** - Thursday, June 1st, 2:45 - 3:55, room F609
- **Talbot STEAM Girls - Enrichment Workshop** - Thursday, June 1st, during tutorial periods, Maker Studio