

Moments at the Middle School

From Dr. Lux and Mr. Rice

December 2, 2022

We hope you all enjoyed a relaxing Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends. It is officially December, and this month is typically very busy. Please review some of the important updates below.

Harlem Wizards on December 7th at 7 pm at HHS

The world-famous [Harlem Wizards](#) will visit Hampton High School on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 7 PM for an evening of great fun. The Wizards will play a game against a team of Hampton Township School District teachers. Representing the middle school will be Mr. Lagnese, Mr. Sheets, Mr. Moore and Mr. Shumaker. The event is a fundraiser for the Hampton Boys' Basketball Booster Club.

The energy at a Wizards game is electric. The laughter is infectious. The dunks are rim-rattling, high-flying and awe-inspiring. The hoop artistry, ball-handling, tricks and teamwork are mesmerizing.

What really takes this event to another level is the hometown participation from the students on-court experiences. Students will be involved all night long. They will all have a chance to get on the court!

Tickets start at just \$15! Tickets will be sold online: **Go to harlemwizards.com and then click "Get Tickets"**.

Volunteers Needed- Reality Fair- December 12th

On Monday, December 12th, we will hold our second Reality Fair at Hampton Middle School. This is the culminating experience for the 8th grade Career Awareness rotation course. During the Career Awareness rotation course, our students will research careers, choose a career(s) of interest, and interview for a position. After completing the 7-week Career Awareness course, students will participate in the *Reality Fair*. The students will rotate through a series of booths, such as transportation, housing, and entertainment to strategically decide how to spend and save their earnings. We are partnering with the Clearview Federal Credit Union to make this opportunity possible. The Credit Union will be sending financial advisors to our reality fair to meet with our students following the experience.

We are looking for parent volunteers to staff the booths at the Reality Fair. **You do not need to have your clearances to volunteer at the Reality Fair, since teachers and administrators will be present.** If you have not yet signed up to volunteer and you are available from approximately 7:30 am-9:30 am, please volunteer using the link below. Please come and join us, or reach out to someone you may know who may be interested.

<https://forms.gle/1rLjWku4rHJ2y81v8>

Attendance Email

If your child is absent or late for school, there is a **new way to send an excuse**. You may now email HMSattendance@ht-sd.org with your child's name, date of absence/tardy, reason for absence, and your name. You may also email a picture or scan of a medical note. Alternatively, you may continue to send in a physical note with your student if you prefer. Please do not email an excuse to an individual staff member.

Remember, students are permitted 10 parental excuses for absences for the school year. Any further absences must be accompanied by a medical excuse. Students are also permitted 3 parental excuses for late arrivals. Further late arrivals are considered unexcused, unless they are accompanied by a medical note.

Donations for Kenyan Chess Players

HMS student Benjamin Lin, a nationally ranked chess player, initiated a Chess Library fundraiser to support young chess players in Kenya. More information for the fundraiser is in the attached flier. Please consider making a donation to support these enthusiastic learners!

Upcoming Reminders for December:

- **HMS Chorus Concert** - Tuesday, December 6th at 7 pm, HMS Auditorium
- **Harlem Wizards event** - Wednesday, December 7th at 7 pm, Hampton High School
- **5th & 6th Grade Band Concert** - Wednesday, December 7th at 7 pm, HMS Auditorium
- **7th & 8th Grade Band Concert** - Thursday, December 8th at 7 pm, HMS Auditorium
- **Reality Fair** - Monday, December 12th, Career Awareness rotation course
- **End of Rotation 2** - Wednesday, December 14th
- **Orchestra Concert** - Wednesday, December 14th at 7 pm, HMS Auditorium
- **Beginning of Rotation 3** - Thursday, December 15th
- **Advisory** - December 15th
- **Holiday Break** - Thursday, December 22nd through Monday, January 2nd

Club Meetings for December:

- **Homework Club** - M-Th, 2:45-3:45 pm
- **Math Lab** - M-Th, 2:45-3:45 pm
- **Yearbook Club** - December 6th until 3:30 pm, room G703
- **Fun & Fellowship Club** - December 7th & 21st, 7:25 - 7:50 am, Library
- **Student Council** - December 7th & December 14th until 3:45 pm, room G704
- **Art Club** - December 8th until 4 pm
- **American Sign Language Club** - December 15th and December 20th until 3:55 pm
- **Spanish Club** - December 15th until 3:45 pm
- **French Club** - December 16th until 3:45 pm