

HMS FAMILY NEWSLETTER



EVENTS REVIEW

OPEN HOUSE last week witnessed a full house of families traveling in the hallways and meeting their student's teachers, playing games in Advisory and PE, and asking questions about curriculum. **Thank you so much to the PTO and to families who brought food to share for the potluck!** The adults were well fed as well as had a chance to get to know a fellow family. We will do the same next year so stay tuned.

Professional DISC GOLF competitors taught students in afternoon PE classes how to play the game..**thank you to Tom Limenak** for nominating HMS to work with UPlay to create this opportunity.

FIRST FIVE WEEKS

Dear Families,

Finally in my own family the routines have set in. We still scramble at times to find the soccer gear needed for practice or find the home-school folder, but on the whole the wake up and bedtimes are set, lunch takes many fewer minutes to make, the bag is packed the night before, and our hair is in braids (meaning no undue primping in the morning). How is this going in your house; nothing is ever perfect, but the daily practice of explicit expectations makes a significant difference.

Some reminders re: expectations at HMS:

- breakfast begins at 7:40AM. No phones in the cafeteria; **the expectation is that phones are powered OFF while students are in the building**
- first bell is 7:55 and class begins at 8AM
- if students are late to any class, **they should expect a callback** with their teacher for the amount of minutes they're late
- when students do well and make progress, **families should expect a call or email from teachers to let you know** - as we are in this boat together
- if a student has a complaint to lodge, an issue to discuss, or needs to report something, **school counselors are available to meet privately**
- **administrators follow through and follow up** with members of our community to ensure everyone is safe, can learn, and feel valued

Sending hope into the Universe for Peace. ~M

UPDATES / FOR OUR COMMON GOOD



Last week, all students participated in our annual safety assembly. We reviewed student rights and responsibilities; what constitutes hazing, harassment, or bullying; how to report behavior that doesn't confirm to our code of conduct or district safety expectations; what gets us suspended in- or out-of-school; and a clear message of our no tolerance for weapons.

An important message that we shared with students is that **UPSTANDING** is what we do at HMS. That means that in the face of negativity, we 1) get help! find a trusted adult; 2) tell peers to stop the behavior (interrupt the behavior if possible; and 3) don't spread rumors or gossip. **All of our students** have the capability to be **UPSTANDERS** and we believe that doing so will continue to build a positive community based on respect for self and others.



INTEREST SURVEY FOR STUDENT ADVISORY GROUP

was sent to students this weekend. Students who are selected will meet with admin afterschool on the 2nd and 4th Mondays each month. The goal is that the SAG connect with peers and solve issues that are important to the student body The application is in student email and is due on Friday, 10/4.

FAMILIES: WE ARE INTERESTED IN YOU TAKING A LEADERSHIP ROLE ALSO!

The purpose of the Family Advisory Group is to provide two-way communications between the Principal and families. **Members work together to:**

- discuss family perspectives on topics impacting their child's school and the school district.
- identify common needs and goals among the parents of students enrolled in the school.
- provide the principal with feedback and insight from each family's perspective on school processes, policies and initiatives to ensure that the needs of families are included as decisions are made in the school and the district.
- bring to the principal's attention existing and emerging issues expressed by families in the school.
- serve as an advisory, not a decision-making body, that makes recommendations, encourages brainstorming and provides opportunities for family involvement on committees and task forces.
- facilitate communication between and among the families from different grades and in some cases different schools and serve as a forum for sharing innovations and best practices from around the district.
- help me decide how to spend the school funds allocated to our school via the equitable budgeting process.

We will meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month, from 6-7:15PM. Interest survey will be sent directly to your email!

UPCOMING @ HMS

Date	What / When	Notes
Friday 10/4	PTO Meeting	7:45 - 9AM. Virtual option is available.
Thurs. 10/10	No School for students	Professional learning for staff
Friday 10/11	No School for students or faculty	Yom Kippur
Monday 10/14	Indigenous Peoples' Day	We are in school, 8AM - 3PM
Weds. 10/16	Family Advisory Group	6-7:15, Library
Friday 10/18	Panthers Movie Night	6:30-8PM
Tuesday 10/22	6th grade Families invited to Art Night	Come experience ' zentangle inspired designs ' with guest 6th grade instructors accompanying their art teacher, Ms. Hawkes. No prior experience is necessary to draw and all supplies will be provided. You will be able to take your drawings home!
Thursday 10/31	End of the 1st Quarter	
Friday 11/1	NO SCHOOL	Diwali
Tuesday 11/7	Early Release	11:30AM; no afterschool this day