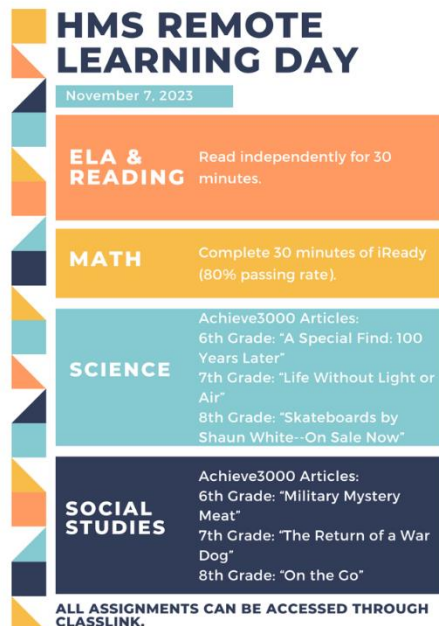


November 3, 2023

Hello HMS Families,

I hope everyone had a great week!

Just a reminder, FCS students have a Remote Learning Day on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Below is a graphic describing what the expectations are for students that day. These activities can be completed at any time that day.



**“Word of the Week”** - Vocabulary development is a crucial component of an effective literacy program, and we are restarting Word of the Week for the 23-24 school year. Each week, we identify a new vocabulary word that we want our students to become more familiar with and be able to add to their repertoire. Our hope is that by exposing students to a different word every week, they can begin to “own” these words and make them a part of their working vocabulary! We encourage you to find ways to use this word in your conversations with your students whenever the opportunity presents itself!

The “Word of the Week” next week is...Banish

**Did You Know?** – Last year, a little less than 90% of our student population attended at least 90% of our school days. As of November 1<sup>st</sup>, we have about 93% currently at 90% attendance or above. Attendance is a critical factor in a student’s success in school. Missing even a day every other week can lead to significant learning gaps and challenges for students. Thanks to all of our families who make attendance at school a priority! For those of you who are struggling to get your kids to school, please reach out to our counselors for support!

## News and Notes:

- HMS will be hosting the school Spelling Bee on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. In order to participate, parents must sign their students up by going to: <https://forms.office.com/r/ifckf60xbD>. If you have any questions, please contact Whitney (Beem) Beck at [beemw@fultonschools.org](mailto:beemw@fultonschools.org).
- The HMS Admin team is asking for a little help in order to help our staff survive and thrive in the days leading up to the Thanksgiving break! Please click on the link to help us! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044DAEAC29A6F58-45190299-alittle>
- The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking the YouScience Inventory during Connections on November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. This is not an assessment, but a series of brain games and interest questions designed to determine their results in the 9 key aptitudes utilized in the working world. Please see the attached [YouScience Parent Flyer](#) and [Family Letter](#). Reach out to Amy Cousin at [CousinA@fultonschools.org](mailto:CousinA@fultonschools.org) if you have any questions.
- From Counseling: Please join Lauren Corbett, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor, for an informational session Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m., to learn about the transition to high school process. Information will be provided and discussed regarding high school course recommendations and progressions, and a glimpse of what to expect in high school. Please visit this link: <https://padlet.com/corbettl6/rising-9th-grade-q-a-2023-2024-vdx11jx2lr0b00uy> to post any general questions you may have about high school transition, prior to this session. This padlet is a live forum for all parents to post and view.

### Session Information:

- **Who:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents (students will receive this information in class Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> during their Social Studies class)
- **When:** Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Hopewell Middle School cafeteria

**\*\*This meeting *does not* replace the second semester Rising 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Night that will be scheduled at Cambridge or Alphetta High School (those dates are TBD).**

## School Activities:

- We would like to inform you about the upcoming "Food Fight" event at Hopewell Middle School. Students are encouraged to participate by bringing in two cans of food items each; however, they are welcome to contribute more if they wish. We will collect items in the atrium and at carpool in the morning. This initiative will involve a friendly competition between advisements and, subsequently, between grade levels. The event is scheduled to take place from November 8<sup>th</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup>.

The collected food, water, and other essential items will be dedicated to supporting Hopewell families facing need. Your participation and generosity in this event will undoubtedly make a positive impact on our community.

Thanks for your support!

- **YEARBOOK:** The HMS 2023-2024 yearbook is now on sale on the Jostens website. If you have any questions about yearbook purchases, please contact Mrs. Karen Allen (allenk2@fultonschools.org). The link is: <https://bit.ly/3YpEgAi>
- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents only** – Yearbook Recognition Ads are on sale NOW. These are the pages in the back of the book that recognize your 8<sup>th</sup> graders before they move on to high school. The ad is created by you using the Jostens online software. **There is a deadline for this optional purchase: December 15.** This year the ad costs \$45 and can be created using this link: <https://bit.ly/3s1cxtV>
- **YEARBOOK NEEDS YOUR HELP!** The yearbook staff is inviting students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school and community events or you and your friends just having fun outside of school, we'd like to see them. Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have. Ideas can be sports photos from feeder teams, Halloween and other holidays, or pictures of students just hanging out and having a good time on the weekends. There is no limit to the number of photos you can submit. To submit, just click on the link: [https://images.jostens.com/0mRzn1-bo\\_AYGOy\\_MnaE1TA](https://images.jostens.com/0mRzn1-bo_AYGOy_MnaE1TA)

## Other Items:

- From Summit Counseling – Click the following link for some information about the services they offer for HMS families – [12 Signs My Child May Benefit from Therapy - From Summit Counseling.pdf](#)
- As we approach the upcoming holidays, we wanted to remind you that candy, desserts, baked goods, or any other edible items **are not** to be sold or distributed at school or on the bus unless approved in advance by the school administration. Per our Student Code of Conduct, students who do not adhere to this expectation are subject to disciplinary action for violation **7A: Failure to Follow Rules** and all candy or food items will be confiscated. Please discuss this expectation and possible consequences with your student(s) as this will be taken very seriously. This is due to recent National and State reports about students sharing edible items and synthetic medications that have been shared with other students that contain very harmful substances.

Please know that taking this measure will help us maintain a safe environment for all students. You can help us protect your student(s) by requesting that they not eat anything given to them by another person, anything that they have not brought from your home or anything not in its original sealed package.

Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping all of our students safe at school!

- From the PTA:
  - o Does your student enjoy art, music and dance or have an interest in writing, producing films and taking photos? We invite them to unleash their inner artist with the **PTA Reflections Program! Reflections** is a national art contest celebrating the importance of arts education.

- In the 50+ years since the program's founding, millions of students have been inspired to participate by reflecting on a specific, student-selected **theme** to create original artwork.

This year's theme is: **I am hopeful because...**

- For inspiration, visit the **Reflections** virtual art gallery and learn more about **prizes** and **scholarships** at [PTA.org/Reflections/Awards](https://PTA.org/Reflections/Awards).

Entries are due no later than Friday **Nov 10th** to the **Media Center**. Winners will be recognized at school a few weeks later. Their entries will go on to compete in the Council and hopefully State and National levels!

**Entry Forms** with specific category **Submission Guidelines** can be found in the **media center**, or downloaded from the **Georgia PTA website**: <https://georgiapta.org/events-programs/reflections/reflections-submissions/>

Scroll down to "Rules & Forms" You will want TWO things:

- 1-print the entry packet
- 2-print the specific guidelines for the category you are entering.

Good luck! We can't wait to see what you create! *Feel free to reach out to the HMS Reflections Chair Katie Black at [vlackkm@yahoo.com](mailto:vlackkm@yahoo.com) with any questions.*

- Thanks to all of our amazing business partners!



- 2025 Japan Travel Opportunity - Mrs. Sofia Nisar (8th grade science teacher) is offering students the opportunity to join a 9-day, educational trip to Japan in June 2025. This trip is open to students who are currently enrolled at Hopewell Middle School, but is not a school-sponsored field trip. Parents are welcome to join as well.

Highlights of the trip will include:

- Osaka's Dotonbori Canal Street
- The Arashiyama Bamboo Forest in Kyoto
- Travel by bullet train
- Take an in-depth tour of Mount Fuji
- Visit the Harajuku shopping district & Meiji Shinto Shrine in Tokyo

Experience rich culture, historic landmarks, and breathtaking natural beauty while backtracking Japan's Golden Route, an immersive journey that includes the country's must-see cities and

sights. From the centuries-old spirit of Kyoto to the legendary Mount Fuji to the modern metropolis of Tokyo, this adventure is a beautiful collection of the many shining gems of Japan.

There will be an in-person informational meeting about the trip on Wednesday, November 15, at 6:30 p.m. on Microsoft Teams. Registration is required to attend. Click the following link to view the meeting details and to qualify for \$200 off the price of the tour: <https://bit.ly/3QicCSr>  
Contact Mrs. Nisar at [nisars@fultonschools.org](mailto:nisars@fultonschools.org) with any questions.



- Rugby Clinic!!!



## General Reminders:

- HMS has an email specifically for sending in notes/excuses for student absences. You can email your parent, doctor, dentist, etc. note to [HMSAttendance@fultonschools.org](mailto:HMSAttendance@fultonschools.org). This is not for early dismissal requests. These notes should be sent into the front office with your student in the morning on the day they need to leave early. You do not need to email individual teachers to notify them of an absence.
- If you need to check your child out of school early, **please remember we do not allow checkouts after 3:30!** If they are leaving early, send them in to the Front Office in the morning with a note from you. This makes the whole process easier and more efficient, and prevents us from having to disrupt their class when it's time for them to leave.

- The Front Office closes at 5:00, so please do not expect anyone to answer the phones or be there to buzz you in unless there is an evening activity.

Thanks so much for your support of our school!

Sincerely,

Michael LeMoyne

Principal – Hopewell Middle School

HMS Website - <http://school.fultonschools.org/ms/hopewell/Pages/default.aspx>

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