

October 13, 2023

Hello HMS Families,

I hope everyone had a great week!

## **9-Week Grades are Available in the Parent Portal and Through Classlink**

Infinite Campus Parent Portal is a great way to stay on top of your child's grades, attendance, and behavior. Hopefully, you have already signed up and have access. If not, click [here](#) to get started, and if you run into any issues, call our front office.

9-week progress reports are now available for review in Infinite Campus. Students may also view grades through ClassLink. For year-long and semester-long courses, the grade shown is an indicator of how your student is currently doing in the class. Grades for these courses will not be final until December. For 9-week connection courses, the grade is a final grade for Quarter 1 (ended on 10/6/23).

For any grade-related questions, please contact the teacher directly.

Tips for Parents to Review Report Card/Progress Reports:

[https://www.fultonschools.org/cms/lib/GA50000114/Centricity/Domain/3766/FCSIC\\_CP\\_HowTo\\_Access\\_Reports\\_instructions.pdf](https://www.fultonschools.org/cms/lib/GA50000114/Centricity/Domain/3766/FCSIC_CP_HowTo_Access_Reports_instructions.pdf)

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**“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...Muster

## **News and Notes:**

- Attention 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade families - The HMS counseling department will be presenting a “Signs of Suicide” refresher video/lesson to all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students this year. These presentations will take place in the cafeteria during advisement. 8<sup>th</sup> graders will participate on October 17<sup>th</sup> or October 18<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders will participate on October 24<sup>th</sup> or October 25<sup>th</sup>. Please review the document linked here for more information - [SOS- parent letter for 7th-8th.docx](#)

- 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 Alpharetta High School (those dates are TBD).**

## School Activities:

- All 7<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to a Fall Festival on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:15 until 6:00 p.m. This is an outdoor event for 7<sup>th</sup> graders ONLY. Students need to be picked up promptly at 6:00 p.m. in the carpool line. Food, music, and games will be provided! Students are expected to show their Mustang PRIDE at the event.

If you would like your student to participate in this event, please fill out the permission form using the link below. One form should be completed for each 7<sup>th</sup> grade student. Also, we are asking for a \$6 donation per student to offset the cost of the event.

\*Note: The OSP link for payment is embedded in the form linked below.

#### [Permission Form - 7th Grade Festival](#)

- In Honor of National Bullying Prevention Month, the Student Council is challenging their peers to be Unapologetically Kind and to Stand up to Bullying! Here is a message from one Student Council Member:

Greetings, Hopewell parents! As we approach October 18th, let's unite for Anti-Bullying Day. This day serves as a reminder to recognize the impact of bullying and take a stand against it. Encourage your children to wear blue, showcasing your family's commitment to a bully-free environment both within and beyond our school community. It's a small gesture with a significant impact—one you'll be proud to make! Students are also challenged to create a **button against bullying** to win a prize on October 18. Help spread the word that Mustangs are unapologetically kind and stand against bullying.



- **YEARBOOK:** The HMS 2023-2024 yearbook is now on sale on the Jostens website. If you purchase your book early in the school year, you are guaranteed the LOWEST price (which is \$50) and there are some additional personalization benefits available to you. 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 back 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)
- Got old athletic shoes sitting in your closet or garage? Junior Beta wants them! We are conducting a shoe drive for new and used athletic shoes. They can be any type of sneakers or running shoes. Cleats (with no metal spikes) are welcome as well. Shoes are sent to women in third-world countries where the shoes are recycled, repurposed, or resold to make them more financially independent. We are collecting shoes until October 31. If you have any you want to donate – please send them in with your children and have them drop it off in Mrs. Allen's room (C117).

## Other Items:

- Innovation Academy will be hosting a **free STEM Saturday for all 7th and 8th grade students** who are eligible to apply on **11/4/2023 from 9am-12pm.** This day each student will engage in STEM activities that will be led by our students and teachers. Registration for the day will begin at 8:30 with activities beginning at 9:00am.

Sign-ups will be available to the first 100 students who sign-up. Every sign-up after the first 100 will be waitlisted. **Deadline to apply is 10/22/23 (use the QR code below).** Any questions, please reach out to [guraishyh@fultonschools.org](mailto:guraishyh@fultonschools.org)



- 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!

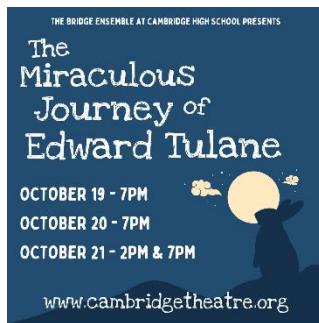
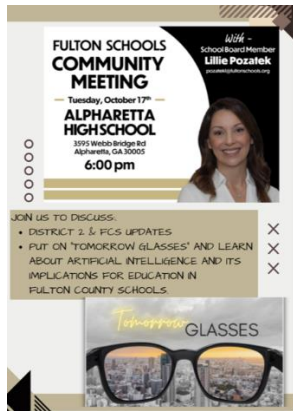
**Entry Forms** with specific category **Submission Guidelines** can be found in the **media center**, or downloaded from the **Georgia PTA website**: <https://georgiapta.org/events-programs/reflections/reflections-submissions/>

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.*

- o Book Fair - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AA4AE2EA4F4C70-2023>
  - It is that time of year again for the annual Book Fair at Hopewell Middle School.
    - When: **October 5 - 17th from 7:45 AM - 4:15PM**
    - How can I help? Volunteer spots are open now for parents to volunteer to help with the Book Fair. Prior to volunteering you need to complete the Fulton County Volunteer requirements by going to <https://www.fultonschools.org/volunteer>. Don't worry it is quick and easy! On the day you volunteer sign in with the front desk and head back to the Media Center.



## 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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