

October 27, 2023

Hello HMS Families,

I hope everyone had a great week!

“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...Ominous

News and Notes:

- HMS will be hosting the school Spelling Bee on Wednesday, November 15th. 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.
- 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 7th grade will be departing for their JA Finance field trip soon. Teachers are hoping to have a few more parent volunteers available for the trip! See below for details regarding the trip. They would greatly appreciate your help.

[JA Volunteer Registration: November 02](#)

[JA Volunteer Registration: November 03](#)

[JA Volunteer Registration: November 06](#)

When? In-Person | November 02 - 06 | 8:00am-2:45pm

Where? Downtown Atlanta | [JA Chick-fil-A Discovery Center](#)

Why do we need coaches? Adults bring the program to life for the students by sharing real life experiences. Our volunteers provide those “aha” moments as they help students discover the value of themselves, their education, and their future possibilities! If you have held a job or paid a bill, you will be a valuable volunteer. Check out our [Volunteer Video](#) to see a preview of the day.

*Parking, Coffee, Day-of Training, and Lunch provided to all volunteers!

Questions about the day? Reach out to Tamara Andrews at TAndrews@georgia.ja.org

- FCS students have a Remote Learning Day on November 7th. Below is a graphic describing what the expectations are for students that day. These activities can be completed at any time that day.



From Counseling: Please join Lauren Corbett, 8th Grade Counselor, for an informational session Thursday, November 9th 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:** 8th grade parents (students will receive this information in class Nov. 8th and 10th during their Social Studies class)
- **When:** Thursday, November 9th at 6:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Hopewell Middle School cafeteria

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

School Activities:

- **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>

- **8th Grade Parents only** – Yearbook Recognition Ads are on sale NOW. These are the pages in the back of the book that recognize your 8th 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
- 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



- 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.

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 with any questions.*

- Thanks to all of our amazing business partners!



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. 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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