

September 8, 2023

Hello HMS Families,

I hope everyone had a great week!

“Word of the Week” Starts Next 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 will identify a new vocabulary word that we want our students to become more familiar with and be able to add to their repertoire. We will introduce the word on Monday morning via the AM Announcements, post it in classrooms and other spaces inside the building, and reinforce the word every day in the morning. 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!

Every Friday, I will share the upcoming “Word of the Week” with you via this update. We encourage you to find ways to use this word in your conversations with your students whenever the opportunity presents itself!

So, for your information, the “Word of the Week” for next week is.... Illuminate!

News and Notes:

- The 6th Grade Fall Festival is scheduled for Friday, September 29th immediately after school. Fliers were passed out to students on Thursday and is also attached. We are asking for a small \$6.00 donation to cover some of the costs. The deadline to sign-up is Wednesday, September 27th. Sign-up your student here:



- The new Fulton County Schools Student Code of Conduct & Discipline Handbook (2023-24) is ready to start receiving parent/guardian signatures. Students age 10 years and older and all parents/guardians who have a student attending Fulton County Schools should sign. Use the link [How to sign the Code of Conduct](#) to see step-by-step instructions on how to sign.

School Activities:

- On **Monday, September 11th**, HMS is asking all Hopewell students and staff to wear red, white, or blue in honor of the lives lost on September 11, 2001.
- CLUBS: If your students were unable to attend Club Fair last Friday, please look through all the different club offerings on the Hopewell website.
<https://www.fultonschools.org/domain/3199> A lot of our clubs will be starting next week! You should contact the club sponsors listed to get the permission slip information so your student can attend.
- Tennis News!!!
 - o 7th and 8th graders interested in trying out for the Hopewell Tennis Team please complete [Tennis Registration](#). Tryouts will be October 3rd and 4th at 7:30 am on the Tennis courts. Contact Anna LoBean questions: lobean@fultonschools.org
 - o Intramural Tennis is offered for 6th –8th graders that want to hit/ practice in the mornings starting September 12th at 7:45 am. This is not the Hopewell Tennis Team. Please fill out [Intramural Tennis Form](#) to participate. Contact Anna LoBean for questions: lobean@fultonschools.org
- **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
- It is not too late to join the HMS Debate team. Come out and enjoy the fun of arguing with others! If your child is interested, please have them stop by C117 and pick up an information sheet and membership form. Practices are Mondays after school until 5:30. Mrs. Karen Allen is the coach for the debate team: contact her with questions: allenk2@fultonschools.org

Other Items:

- The Milton Library is providing free math tutoring this school year on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. They'll have three 30-minute sessions starting at 4pm. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to sit in the tutoring sessions and registration is required for the timeslots. The .jpg file linked below gives the details. The QR code on the flyer will send you to the Milton Library Event page for registration. Our tutor will help with basic math through calculus. Please call the library with any questions. [mathtutorrevised.jpg](#)

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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