

September 29, 2023

Hello HMS Families,

I hope everyone had a great week!

Processes and Procedures Reminder(s)/Update(s):

- We often have parents questioning how we handle items that are being dropped off for students during the day. Here are some guidelines:
 - o We will not call students to the office to pick up items left by parents, with the exception of emergency items like medications. If you choose to leave a non-emergency item, it will be placed on a table in the front of the building for your child to retrieve. If they don't know you are bringing it, it is probably better to not bring it at all. Items like notebooks and laptops are not considered emergency items, and your child can get through the day without them if they forgot them.
 - o Flowers, balloons and other distracting items will not be delivered to students during school hours. Such items create a disruption during the school day and will remain secured in the school office until the end of the day. Please note, items like balloons cannot be taken on a school bus.
 - o In an effort to limit the number of non-essential visitors to school for the health and safety of our students, lunches should not be dropped off by parents/guardians once the school day has begun.
 - o HMS does not allow deliveries for students directly from restaurants or via delivery services (UberEats, DoorDash, etc.), even if they have already been paid for. We will not allow delivery personnel to enter the building and will not accept items on the student's behalf. Students should never open the door for a delivery person or attempt to meet them to pick up an order.

“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” for next week is....Multitude!

News and Notes:

- 7th Grade Parents ONLY: All 7th grade students will be taking the NWEA MAP assessment between September 25 and October 6th, 2023. This assessment is a computer adaptive test that measures skills in Reading and Math. MAP is used as a universal screener and a nationally normed assessment. The results help determine a student's overall academic performance level and identify students who may benefit from additional services or support to meet their learning goals. MAP scores will not be entered into the grade book.

The Reading MAP assessment will be given during the window of October 2nd-October 6th, 2023, during 7th grade ELA classes. The test will not take the entire week. It is estimated to be between 45 and 60 minutes long.

If you have any questions about the MAP assessment, please reach out to Amy Cousin at CousinA@fultonschools.org. See the flyer ([MAP Parent Flyer 23-24.pdf](#)) for additional information.

- HMS Fall Picture retakes are scheduled for October 13th. Click on the following links for ordering information. [Email Flyer-2023-10-13 \(1\) - Retakes.pdf](#) [Full Color Flyer-2023-10-13 - retakes.pdf](#)
- Jasmine Forrest, the Summit therapist here at Hopewell, will be starting a parent-based anxiety therapy group in the month of October. This group is a parent-based therapy group for children and adolescent anxiety. Parents will learn how to alleviate their children's anxiety by changing the way they respond to their children's symptoms. Parents will not be required to make their children change their behavior, but will be shown how to replace their own accommodating behaviors (which allow anxiety to flourish) with supportive responses that demonstrate both acceptance of children's difficulties and confidence in their ability to cope. Click the following link for a flyer - [Flyer JForrest Parenting10.11 \(1\) \(3\).pdf](#).

For Parents of Children with Anxiety

Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:30 PM

October 11th - November 29th (Skips week of November 22nd)

To sign up call The Summit at (678) 893-5300

School Activities:

- In honor of Bullying Prevention Month, local Alpharetta author, Mike Buchanan, will be coming to Hopewell Tuesday, October 3rd at 2:00 PM to discuss his novel (and subsequent movie) "The Fat Boy Chronicle." He wrote this story from the experiences of one of his former students and the bullying that he endured by being overweight. Mr. Buchanan came to Hopewell last year and gave a very inspiring talk, so we are lucky to have him return during such an important month.

Parents, please sign up your student at bit.ly/oct3authorvisit

- 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 underway for 6th –8th graders that want to hit/ practice in the mornings 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

- All 7th graders are invited to a Fall Festival on Friday, October 20th from 4:15 until 6:00 p.m. This is an outdoor event for 7th 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 7th 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](#)



- Volleyball Tryouts (Boys and Girls!) - 7th and 8th grade girls AND boys are eligible to try out for volleyball this year! Girls tryouts are October 2 & 3 at 7 am in the Hopewell gym. See Emily Moore for questions meyere@fultonschools.org Boys tryouts are October 4 & 5 at 4:15 pm in the Hopewell gym. See Logan Deyarmin for questions deyarmin1@fultonschools.org

Follow this link to fill out all necessary paperwork: [Microsoft Forms](#)

IF GIRLS PAPERWORK IS NOT COMPLETED BY FRIDAY 9/29 ONLINE YOU MUST BRING THE PHYSICAL COPY MONDAY MORNING OR YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TRYOUT

IF BOYS PAPERWORK IS NOT COMPLETED BY TUESDAY 10/3 ONLINE YOU MUST BRING THE PHYSICAL COPY MONDAY MORNING OR YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TRYOUT

- **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 is hosting a Phoenix Tank on Friday, October 27th. Students who sign up will take a FCS bus to and from IA where they will spend the day doing a deep dive into the world of Design Thinking as students embark on a journey of managing their own business. [Click here](#) for more details. If you want your student to participate in this unique experience, please complete [this form](#). There are limited spots available, but you will be notified on October 16th if your student will be attending.
- 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:

- Reflections - 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 PTA Reflections! 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. For inspiration, visit the Reflections virtual art gallery and learn more about prizes and scholarships at PTA.org/Reflections/Awards.

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

Entries are due no later than Friday October 20th. Download submission guidelines and an entry form from the Hopewell PTA website:

<https://hopewellmspta.membershiptoolkit.com>

Feel free to reach out to the HMS Reflections Chair Katie Black at vlackkm@yahoo.com with any questions.

- 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**
 - Where: HMS Media Center
 - How do students attend? They come with their ELA classes during the school day. They can also attend our Family Fun Night.
 - 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.
- Family Fun Night - Date: **October 5th at 6-8pm**
 - Location: HMS Cafeteria, Atrium and Gym
 - Who can attend? All families are invited, including younger children! Students need to be supervised to attend.
 - Help us setup, clean up or run the event by volunteering HERE (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AA4AE2EA4F4C70-hopewell>) The more volunteers we have the more we can divide up tasks so that everyone can enjoy time with their families at the event.
 - Cost: This event is sponsored by the HMS PTA and is **FREE** to attend !
 - It is that time of year again to bring your family to Hopewell MS and discover the exciting world of Harry Potter during our Family Fun Night. The Hopewell PTA will provide Pizza, Popcorn and Butter Beer (soda) as you engage in the wonderful world of Harry Potter.
 - At the Family Fun Night, you can:
 - Purchase books for your family and teachers at the Book Fair

- Engage in Harry Potter themed activities such as:
- Play Quidditch
- Engage in craft activities
- Be sorted into your Hogwarts House
- Take Harry Potter pictures using our green screen
- Participate in Harry Potter Trivia
- Go on a scavenger hunt to find the Golden Snitch and more



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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