

Hello again everyone!

Welcome back to the 2nd Quarter of the 2018-2019 School Year! It has been a fantastic start to the year we look forward to the next nine exciting weeks of school as we make our way up to the Winter Break!

Just a reminder that this Friday marks our 4th “Gameday Assessment Day,” as well as our 4th club meeting day at HMS! Gameday Assessments are again quick and (typically about 10 minute) short quizzes given in each class every other Friday over vital “Power Standards” in the curriculum. All teachers report their results through a common data collection model that is then analyzed and dissected by our Academic Specialist, Natalia Fallon, to then work with teachers on revisiting important Academic Standards throughout the year. It’s been an exciting model for us to try out this year and it provides a common approach to academic intervention that is easily translated across our school. I will say that most of our teachers go WAY above and beyond just this in regard to data collection, re-teaching important standards, etc and do far more every day in their own classrooms to accomplish these goals. The Gameday Model, though, has allowed us all to speak the same language across the school with this one simple strategy and to encourage teachers to come together and learn more from another (and from our Academic Specialist) in regard to the vital process of data collection and its effect on their teaching.

In addition, the whole process has worked well as part of our new “Nine out of Ten Days” campaign for maintaining academic time consistently nine out of every ten days of the school year. What this means is we no longer schedule events, class interruptions, etc. on any day other than these designated “every other Friday days” with the exception of carefully planned field trips. On these tenth days, we take our Gameday Assessment in each core class, but we also hold clubs on those days, schedule non-academic events and activities, and allow the schedule to be interrupted. The other nine days, though, all ALL ACADEMICS ALL THE TIME. If you ever have any questions about any of these things we are doing, just respond back and let me know.

Many have also emailed me with additional questions and clarifications regarding our 18-19 first year transition into Standards Based Grading. Our awesome Academic Specialist, Natalia Fallon, has put together an HMS Specific Pamphlet on SBG that will be a great resource for all of our community and one that should address and answer many of the questions we have received in previous weeks. Look for this to come home with your students soon!

This is the final week for our big Fall Fundraiser here at HMS!! Just a reminder that 10 items sold gets students into our All Day Fundraiser Reward Event that will include Inflatables, Xbox Carts, free food, movies, and a day full of other exciting events! The fundraiser information sheet is again attached to this email. Our technical “turn in day” for orders is this Wednesday, but we will take online and paper orders throughout the week. Please let me know if you have any questions at all!

This Thursday we will host a special get together for our “No Strike Students” for the first 45 days of school. Mr. Baker and I strongly believe we need to spend as much time as administrators emphasizing and rewarding positive behavior in our school as we do focusing on disciplining for negative behaviors. That being said, this event will recognize the students that have gone completely above and beyond with our discipline and academic expectations from day 1 at HMS.

We also have a special event coming up on the afternoon of November 2nd in which we host our first Positive Behavior Event of the year. This event that does not require students to have completely

avoided strikes, but rather is meant a thank for you for our students that make a consistent habit of displaying kindness and positive behavior across our school and those that have avoided discipline referrals over a given period. DJ Johnny will be here for an in-school dance and we will have a variety of fun afternoon events for our students that day. Students that have avoided ISS/OSS referrals between October 1st and November 2nd, and that have maintained consistent positive behavior in their classes, will be invited to attend this fun event! Those that cannot attend this first time around are by no means excluded from future events of this kind, though, as know that mistakes happen, great kids sometimes end up in discipline situations, and we just ask that students work on correcting those mistakes and not repeating in the future.

Just a reminder that there is no school for students on October 29th (P/T Conference Day) and November 6th (Election Day). You should be hearing from your grade levels if you have not already regarding the conference day. If you have any questions at all about October 29th, though, please contact the grade level leaders below

5th Grade: Brittney.Burgess@ccstn.org

6th Grade: Dawn.Green@ccstn.org

7th Grade: Melanie.Buchanan@ccstn.org

8th Grade: Allison.Mueller@ccstn.org

Tutoring this Week

Margie Crummer (Math): Tuesday from 3-4:30

Margie.Crummer@ccstn.org

Julie Pyrdum (ELA): Thursday from 3-4

Julie.Pyrdum@ccstn.org

Allison Mueller (Science and 7th and 8th Tech Help with Computers): Thursday from 3-4

Allison.Mueller@ccstn.org

***Please be sure all students are picked up on time. Students will not be permitted to attend tutoring any longer if they are not picked up promptly by the times above*

Other News from Around HMS

From Life Skills Class: Penny wars start tomorrow. And end on Oct 31st.

From Ms. Miller and Ms. Willoughby:

Yearbooks go on sale Wednesday!!

\$40.00

There will be no extra yearbooks ordered

Please don't forget to get yours ordered!!

All orders need to be in before Thanksgiving break. November 20, 2018

From 5th Grade Team: Monster mash October 30th from 3-5. We are needing several donations of chips, drinks, and candy. Anything can be brought to room 37. Costumes are welcome and cost is 5 dollars. Thanks for the support.

From Mr. Cooper: HMS STEM Team will be competing this Thursday at the Cheatham County STEM contest celebrating Tennessee's STEM Week. STEM = Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

Follow the HMS Social Media Accounts on Thursday for Updates and Pics.

From Ms. Roberts: The Giving Back club is hosting a canned food drive/toilet paper drive for the Ark. It will run through the month of October. There will be prizes for the winning grade level and the top homeroom. Please consider donating to this wonderful organization.

Reminder of Fundraiser Information

Available Items to Order

- 1:** Dozens of items are available in the "GA Festival" and "Simply Delicious" Catalogs that are included in the packets and you may order these simply by fill out information on the order form. The packets were sent home with students on Friday the 21st. All money must be collected when the form is turned in
- 2:** You can order the same catalog items, as well as tumblers, magazine subscriptions, and hundreds of other items by visiting scottspencer22.weebly.com/harpeth-ms.html if you prefer to order online. If you scroll to the bottom of the page and click "online orders," you will even more options. All of these purchases are directly credited to your student so long as their name is provided
- 3:** We are also selling the awesome Nashville City Saver Books. Check out the attached flyer on the for information on the participating retailers. Unlike many other "coupon books or cards," City Savers focuses of BOGO deals and ½ off deals and you typically get far more value out of their book than anyone else. You can order these books through the same online link from above or you may include orders for the books on the included order form.

Turning In Orders

- 1:** The online ordering can be done at any time and the orders will automatically be credited to your student so long as their name is filled in with the order
- 2:** All physical order forms and money (please make out checks to HMS) are due to us by Wednesday October 17th and should be turned in to homeroom teachers
- 3:** We are asking that online orders also be complete by the 17th so that they may be included

Prizes

- 1:** Students that sell a total of 10 items for the sale will be invited to attend the "All-Day Inflatable Celebration Day" at HMS that will include 4-5 inflatables, free food and drinks, movies all day, and a variety of other fun activities and games. If we sell 300 items as a school, the entire school will get to be a part of the event for a time, but those who sell the 10 items will get to attend the event for the entire day.
- 2:** In addition, all students who sell 10 items will receive a sticker for their student ID's that will entitle them to technology passes for the entire month of December during lunch.
- 3:** We will also provide cash prizes to the top sellers in each grade. The exact amounts will be determined based on the success of the sale, but we will be able to reward several hundred dollars in rewards last year.

Please make sure all checks are made out to "HMS" or "Harpeth Middle School"

HMS Contact List **as of 10-14

Cheatham Achievers: Rachel.Garrison@ccstn.org
RTI Questions: Aimee.White@ccstn.org
5th Grade General Questions: Brittney.Burgess@ccstn.org
6th Grade General Questions: Dawn.Green@ccstn.org
7th Grade General Questions: Melanie.Buchanan@ccstn.org
8th Grade General Questions: allison.mueller@ccstn.org
Related Arts General Questions: Lindsay.Greece@ccstn.org
Math Tutoring Questions: Margie.Crummer@ccstn.org and Jennifer.Roberts@ccstn.org
ELA Tutoring Questions: Julie.Pyrdum@ccstn.org
Science and 1/1 Tech Tutoring: Allison.Mueller@ccstn.org
School Maintenance Concerns: Adrian.Baker@ccstn.org
Yearbook Questions: Karley.Miller@ccstn.org or Lisa.Willoughby@ccstn.org
Cafeteria Questions: Amber.Hrobak@ccstn.org
Athletics Questions: Devin.Allen@ccstn.org
Counseling and Skyward Questions: Maria.Bobo@ccstn.org or Brittain.West@ccstn.org
Nurse/Medical Questions: Casey.Ealy@ccstn.org
Library Questions: Karen.Carlton@ccstn.org
Questions regarding 1/1 Computers in 7th/8th: Karen.Carlton@ccstn.org
Attendance Questions: Kathy.Miller@ccstn.org
School Finance Questions: Cindy.Wells@ccstn.org
SRO Questions: Todd.Bell@ccstn.org
Website Questions: Dave.Parks@ccstn.org
Chorus Questions: Lindsay.Greece@ccstn.org
Youth In Government/Model UN: Dale.McCoy@ccstn.org
Questions about Clubs: Ryan.Philipp@ccstn.org
STEM Team Questions: Chris.Cooper@ccstn.org

Bully Reporting Link for 2018-2019:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=qmF0dn9znEScCOpe_cPQu_hGD37XFLdBkepf1wzBIURFM2NkVBMTRUUVIOSjVDOFNXN0ZHMjcxMC4u

Please have your students fill out this form with any bullying concerns whatsoever and Mr. Baker and I will handle the situation. Even if it is just one instance of bullying-like behavior, we want to know about it as soon as possible

Social Media and Contacts: Don't forget to follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/HMSIndians](https://www.facebook.com/HMSIndians) and on Twitter @HMSIndians!

The CCSD Safety Tip Line can be reached at tip@ccstn.org

The HMS Bullying/Safety Info Line can be reached at 615-829-6072 between 7:15 and 4 on school days. A link to the 2018-2019 student handbook is attached to this email. Please review this handbook thoroughly with your students and let us know if you have any questions! If you would like to request a paper copy of the handbook, please just respond back to this email and I will get one sent home for you!

Thanks everyone! I hope you have an awesome week!

Ryan Philipp