

Hello again everyone!

Some awesome things going on last week at HMS! We hosted our 2nd round of Gameday Assessments and Clubs this past Friday! The Gameday Assessments (4 short quizzes taken on this day in each core class) are compiled by our Academic Specialist, Natalia Fallon, into super useful data reports for our teachers that they can use to plan various aspects of their lessons going forward. We use this designated day for these assessments so we can work together as a faculty to promote an atmosphere of excitement and motivation for our students and to hopefully help them gain confidence as they work through the standards with their teachers. We strongly believe that it's not necessary at all to over test or overstress students with assessments, but to instead set them up for success as much as possible with our assessments as work to develop consistent, concise, and to the point assessment models that they get to know and understand!

Please don't forget that we dismiss this Wednesday at 11:45 for a Teacher In-Service Half Day

We have been announcing this, but just needed to let everyone know that starting tomorrow High Energy Drinks are no longer permitted in the building at HMS.

We also continue to go strong with our clubs after our second meetings this past Friday! It was awesome on my part to be able to travel around HMS Friday afternoon and see everything from a planting project being undertaken by our Ag Club outside, to a line dancing extravaganza down in Ms. Burgess's room, to a meeting of our 60+ member KODA club with our awesome group of 4 sponsors. We hope to continue building and building our club program here at HMS and make this an integral part of what we aim to do both academically and socially in our school!

I wanted to give a huge shout out to Melanie Buchanan and our own #syltherindian house here at HMS for their awesome Lunchtime Karaoke Exhibition this past Friday. After the incredible success of the event, Ms. Buchanan assures that this will become a regular thing throughout the year for our school!

We did want to announce that we will begin our big fall fundraiser this Friday morning at HMS! We have some awesome items available for sale, in addition to the latest version of the Nashville City Saver books. Students will come home with a ton of information regarding how everything with the sale will work on Friday. The entire school will receive school-wide reward time on various inflatables if we are able to achieve our goal of 300 items sold across the school. In addition, all students that sell 10 items will be permitted to spend nearly an entire day using the inflatables, watching movies, or using our Xbox Mobile Labs. We know there is a lot of fundraising going on across our school system it seems this year, but we hope you are able to support our fundraiser as much as you can starting this Friday.

Student ID Badges: Students will be getting permanent ID badges this week along with nice lanyards. The badges will have individual barcodes for students to use in the cafeteria line and in the library when checking out books. As we progress throughout the year, scannable badges maybe used for a variety of other purposes as well. Students will be expected to wear their badges at all times while at school with the provided lanyard.

Attendance Update: Many are already aware of new state law and coordinating board policy regarding attendance. School attendance is absolutely critical for your child to learn. In compliance with board policy 6.200 ([click HERE to view policy](#)), Harpeth Middle School will soon be contacting guardians of students who are currently at risk for being identified as chronically absent. If your child has been absent for 5-10% of school so far, you should expect a letter in the mail as well as a phone conference. If your

child has been absent for more than 10% of school so far, you should expect a letter in the mail as well as face to face conference at the school. We want to ensure that we are supporting your child in every way possible to improve his/her attendance, and guardians are a vital piece of the puzzle.

***Please note, in compliance with board policy 6.200, students may still be considered chronically absent even if some/most of the absences are excused, and therefore may be placed into an intervention tier with parent meetings, etc. Regardless of excused/unexcused, an absence means your child is not at school, and is consequently missing valuable learning. The whole idea behind the Progressive Truancy Intervention plan is to be aware of the impact of accumulated absences and for a collaborative effort of improved attendance among school and student/family.

***If you receive a letter in the mail which details a meeting date/time, please arrive at the HMS office at the designated time. If you are having trouble making schedule arrangements to attend, please contact the school ahead of time.

Tutoring this Week

Jennifer Roberts (Math): Monday and Tuesday from 3-4

Jennifer.Roberts@ccstn.org

Julie Pyrdum (ELA): Wednesday from 3-4

Julie.Pyrdum@ccstn.org

Allison Mueller (Science and 7th and 8th Tech Help with Computers): Wednesday 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*

Important Message from Ms. Crummer: New Frontiers Field Trip Money and Paperwork is due this coming Friday, September 21st

From Ms. Greece: Chorus students need a black binder. As soon as I have my last form turned in, I'll be sending out a more detailed email.

HMS Contact List **as of 9-16

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Questions regarding 1/1 Computers in 7th/8th: Karen.Carlton@ccstn.org
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Youth In Government/Model UN: Dale.McCoy@ccstn.org or Karley.Parker@ccstn.org
Questions about Clubs: Ryan.Philipp@ccstn.org

Bully Reporting Link for 2018-2019:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=qmF0dn9znEScCOpe_cPQu_hGD37XFLdBkefX1wzBllURFM2NkVBMTRUUVIOSjVDOFNXNOZHMjcxMC4u

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](https://twitter.com/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