

Hello again everyone!

Friday began our big fall fundraiser for us here at HMS. This is our biggest and most important fundraiser we conduct all year and the money raised goes so far in supporting our teachers across the building with needed curriculum supplies, online academic subscriptions for our classrooms, and countless other items. We appreciate any and all support from your family for our fall fundraiser this year!

Below is the information on how our fundraiser works this year in terms of the items available, order collection, and prizes. Please contact me directly if you have any questions or need any additional information regarding the fundraiser. Please look for a packet that went home with all students on Friday for much more 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. 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](http://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 17<sup>th</sup> and should be turned in to homeroom teachers
- 3:** We are asking that online orders also be complete by the 17<sup>th</sup> 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 able to reward several hundred dollars in rewards last year.

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

## Tutoring this Week

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

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Julie Pyrdum (ELA): Wednesday from 3-4

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Allison Mueller (Science and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Tech Help with Computers): Wednesday from 3-4

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*\*\*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 7<sup>th</sup> grade:** The total for the LBL trip is \$163.00. Final payments are due this Thursday along with any donations. All paperwork should have been turned already. If you are still missing items, please send them this week. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Buchanan at [melanie.buchanan@ccstn.org](mailto:melanie.buchanan@ccstn.org).

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Due to the low number of students who turned in New Frontiers paperwork/money, we regret to inform you that the New Frontiers trip has been canceled.

We will have more trips throughout the year, that we encourage your students to go to and return their paperwork by the due dates. Refunds will be given throughout the week to those who have turned in the money.

**From fifth grade:** Monster Mash Dance October 30<sup>th</sup> from 3-5. Cost is five dollars. Tickets will be on sale the week prior. Costumes welcomed.

**From 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers:** Sixth grade will be having a Hat Day on Friday. The cost is \$1. Everyone who participates will have their name placed into a grade level bucket to win a prize from Sonic. There will be a winner from each grade level.

**From Ms. Garrison:** Cheatham Achievers begins tomorrow (9/24/18). Reminder that if your child is not riding the bus home, they have to be picked up by 5:30. On Friday (9/28) because of HHS homecoming students will need to be picked up in the back parking lot next to the playground. Students will be dismissed out of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade hallway doors. If you have any questions please contact me: [Rachel.garrison@ccstn.org](mailto:Rachel.garrison@ccstn.org)

A reminder about some community events coming up this semester. The annual Parent Teacher Conference day will be taking place on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am-7:00pm at HMS. Please be on the lookout soon for signup opportunities through your student's grade level.

Also, I know it's a ways off, but we will be hosting a Parent Night at HMS on Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:00pm. The HMS Chorus and Band will both be hosting performances on this night and we will also

be showcasing of Club, RTI, and academic activities from across our building. Please make plans to join us on a great night as we celebrate HMS and our awesome teachers and students!

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.

#### HMS Contact List \*\*as of 9-23

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**Bully Reporting Link for 2018-2019:**

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=qmF0dn9znEScCOpe\\_cPQu\\_hGD37XFLdBkepx1wzBIURFM2NkVBMTRUUVIOSjVDOFNXN0ZHMjcxMC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=qmF0dn9znEScCOpe_cPQu_hGD37XFLdBkepx1wzBIURFM2NkVBMTRUUVIOSjVDOFNXN0ZHMjcxMC4u)

**Social Media and Contacts:** Don't forget to follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/HMSIndians and on Twitter @HMSIndians!

The CCSD Safety Tip Line can be reached at [tip@ccstn.org](mailto: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