

Hello again everyone!

It's hard to believe we are wrapping up the first quarter of the school year this week at HMS. Thanks so much to all you have done to support our school and our staff this year and for making it a wonderful start to the year!

Don't forget to visit this site to support our Fall Fundraiser! 10 Items sold=trip to the all-day fundraiser celebration event!

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Tutoring this Week

Jennifer Roberts (Math): Monday from 3-4

Jennifer.Roberts@ccstn.org

Margie Crummer (Math): Wednesday from 3-4

Margie.Crummer@ccstn.org

Julie Pyrdum (ELA): Wednesday from 3-4

Julie.Pyrdum@ccstn.org

Allison Mueller (Science and 7th and 8th Tech Help with Computers): No Tutoring This Week

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*

From Ms. Austin: Art journaling club needs to return your club signed bylaws with your money. You must have your journal and use it every day.

Art students must have a composition book on Monday.

7th grade: All families of students going on the LBL trip: All paperwork and money should have been turned in last Thursday. Students should be at school on Wednesday at 6:45 am wearing their LBL t-shirt, with their bag, bedroll, and sack lunch for the trip. We will be canoeing next week, so watch the weather and pack appropriately! There will be a reminder note coming home on Monday! Please contact Mrs. Buchanan with any questions!

From Ms. Burgess: Monster mash dance October 30th from 3-5. Cost is five dollars per ticket. We are asking for donations of chips, drinks, and candy. Any donations can be brought to room 37. Thanks for the support.

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.

6th Grade Lunch Time Change this Wednesday: Any 6th grade parents planning to eat with your child this Wednesday, please note they will be eating lunch from 11:50-12:20 on this day.

Important Reminder: In compliance with board policy 6.200 and administrative procedure 6.200.1, we are conducting attendance meetings with students (and parents) who have been placed in an attendance tier. Those who have meetings scheduled for this week have been notified via mail and phone. [Please arrive to the HMS office a few minutes ahead of your scheduled meeting time.](#)

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.

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 9-30

Cheatham Achievers: Rachel.Garrison@ccstn.org

RTI Questions: Aimee.White@ccstn.org

5th Grade General Questions: Brittney.Burgess@ccstn.org

6th Grade General Questions: Jennifer.Roberts@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 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_hGD37XFLdBkepf1wzBIIURFM2NkVBMTRUUVIOSjVDOFNXN0ZHMjcxMC4u

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 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