

Hello again everyone:

We have attached a short flyer that was created by our school counselors, Ms. West and Ms. Bobo. Social Media is obviously one of the most hot button issues surrounding middle schools and high schools across the country and HMS is no exception to this nationwide situation. This flyer highlights many of the apps and programs that especially concern us at HMS, but it is by no means an all-inclusive document as trends change literally every day in the online world. We ask that you continue to work with us and monitor your student's activity closely every day with every app and coordinate with us when you see problems that may affect the school learning environment.

We have held multiple class meetings this year in conjunction with our School Resource Officer, Deputy Bell, and have discussed at length many of the dangers and issues revolving around the negative side of social media. We have especially stressed to students that all social media activity should be done with parental permission and that nearly all social media sites require individuals to be at least 13 years old (and in many cases even older). We want students to understand that social media (and the online world in general) can bring many positive experiences to our lives, but that the dangers and the scary aspects of this online world must be taken into account every single day. Our biggest message for students (and I remind students this whenever I speak to them about social media) is that you should never interact with ANYONE online at any time that you and your family would not say hello to if you passed them on the street. Social Media should be for people you truly know and that you would comfortably interact with in the real world with the permission of your parents. Again, we ask that you look over the included flyer and please reach out to myself, Mr. Baker, or the counselors whenever you have any concerns regarding activity that could potentially affect the school learning environment. We want to work directly with you to make the online experience for our students a safe and positive one.

This Friday is our final "Club Meeting" Day for the school year. We've met with clubs about 10 times this year during the school day and have really enjoyed seeing this program grow and develop throughout the year as our students have had the opportunity to engage in some fun and educational learning experiences outside of the regular classroom. We will be surveying students in the coming weeks over what they liked and didn't like regarding the program and look to make the club process even bigger and better going into the 19-20 school year.

March 22nd will be our final "Positive Behavior Event" of the 18-19 school year. Instead of a super long behavior window of multiple months, we are making this event super easy for our students to be eligible to attend. All they must do is avoid any and all discipline referrals during the next two weeks. We also will have an extra special "perk" for all of our students that have avoided strikes throughout the entire school year. Unlike past events, we will host four separate events throughout the day for each grade level during their RA time. This will allow us to gain back a full academic day as a result of the many days lost due to weather and sickness recently. DJ Johnny will be at HMS all day to be a part of each grade level celebration and we will also host a "food day" sale throughout the day for our students. Much more information to come in next week's newsletter. We are really in need of some parent help throughout the day to pull this event off. If anyone is willing to help us out with grilling or concession help, please respond and let us know.

Other News from Around HMS

From Ms. Willoughby: Please remember that Bill Clark will be here on Wednesday to take any pictures that we need starting at 9 am. Also, Lifetouch will be here Thursday for Spring pictures! Starting at 9ish

From Ms. West: Reminder that report cards will go home this Wednesday March 13th.

From Mr. Cooper: March is Music in our Schools month! Do you have a musical talent (Guitar, Singing, Drums, Band Instrument, other...)? Share your talents with the HMS Students either through a video: Share your video here: <https://flipgrid.com/6e9ea223>. interview/performance or Email Mr. Cooper and set-up a time to present Live during a class. Let's celebrate the rich music history of our Harpeth Community. Look for many posts about our HMS music students and their amazing talents throughout this month. Twitter @harpethmsband and @HMSIndians Facebook @HarpethMiddleBand @hmsindians Have a Musical Month!

From Ms. Hummell: Cheer Try Outs for the 2019/2020 Cheer Team are coming up! There will be a mandatory parent/guardian meeting on Monday, March 11th at 5:30 in Mrs. Hummell's room, #12. Only those students that have a parent or guardian at this meeting will be permitted to try out. Try outs will be March 18-21st from 3-5pm. You must have a current sports physical, dated past April of 2018, in order to try out.

From Mr. McCoy: Model U.N and Youth in Government are selling Krispy Kreme Doughnuts to raise money for our upcoming conference. Boxes are an easy \$10 a dozen, that is less than a dollar a doughnut, absolutely NO MAXIMUM!!! Thank you for all your help.

From Ms. Mueller: Impact on the World Club is hosting a Diaper/Wipe Drive for the Ark. Please consider donating any size Diapers to the drive. They are especially in need of sizes 4-6 and wipes. Can drop off in Mueller's room or with homeroom teachers and my club will collect twice a week. If dropped in my room, please leave a note what grade level they are from as we are holding a little competition between grade levels. Thank you for all of your help in improving lives!

From Ms. Austin: HMS students are invited to participate in the Cheatham County School District Art Show. The deadline to submit artwork is April 22. See Mrs. Austin for official submission forms. The show will be staged at the Cheatham County Public Library in Ashland City.

Tutoring this Week

Margie Crummer (Math): No Math Tutoring This Week

Margie.Crummer@ccstn.org

Jennifer Roberts (Math): Monday and Thursday from 3-4 (ends at 3:45 on Thursday)

Jennifer.Roberts@ccstn.org

Julie Pyrdum (ELA): Wednesday from 3-4 in Room 2

Julie.Pyrdum@ccstn.org

Allison Mueller (Science and 7th and 8th Tech Help with Computers): No Science 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*

Spring Semester Dates (Please keep an eye on this calendar as much more will be added)

March 15th: Final Club Meetings and Superhero Assessments

March 22nd: Final Positive Behavior Event and Food Day

April 16th: Academic Pep Rally and Celebration Day

May 3rd: Cheatham County Special Olympics @HMS

May 10th: Senior Walk Day @HMS (possibly being changed, will keep updated)

May 17th: HMS Spring Awards Day

May 22nd: HMS 8th Grade Graduation (8:30am)

HMS Contact List **as of 3-10

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7th Grade General Questions: Melanie.Buchanan@ccstn.org

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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

Questions About Tiered Attendance Program: Adrian.Baker@ccstn.org

School Finance/Fundraiser 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

Bully Reporting Link for 2018-2019:

<http://bit.ly/HMSBullyReport>

Please note our new bullying reporting link above. The previous link is still active as well

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. We also need to be made aware immediately (through further reports) of any repeated behaviors that may occur after a report is filed.

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 4:00 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 and have a great week.

Ryan Philipp