

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings HMS Families,

The 2023-2024 school year has started and I would like to thank all of our families for sharing these amazing students with us.

I am thoroughly impressed with the way our students started the school year. Our 7th and 8th graders have started the year in the classrooms, in the lunchroom, throughout the hallways, and on the buses as responsible leaders and positive role models. These are essential components when we think about making a good middle school great. The sixth graders have transitioned nicely and are off to a great start and our 5th graders have adjusted nicely to their new school. When we talk with students at every level, we discuss the importance of making a positive first impression and your kids have knocked it out of the park. I am extremely excited to see what we can accomplish this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our talented staff for a great start to the 2023-2024 school year. They have been in their classrooms and preparing to make this year successful for our students. Their hard work and dedication is to be commended and greatly appreciated.

Curriculum Nights - Welcome Back HMS Families!

Next week we have our HMS Curriculum Nights. At the middle school, we separate this event into two nights. Grades 5 and 6 will be on Monday, September 18th and Grades 7 and 8 will be on Tuesday, September 19th. We like to start off our Curriculum Nights with administration and specialists meet and greet in the cafeteria from 5:30-6:00. At 6:00 the Curriculum Night will begin in your student's homeroom.



In grades 5 and 6, parents and guardians will meet in your student's homeroom and in grades 7 and 8, parents and guardians will follow your student's core academic schedule. Schedules will be provided to you by your child and also available outside their homeroom.

Grades 5 & 6 September 18th

5:30-6:00 Administrative and Specialist Meet and Greet

6:00-7:00 Meet the Team (Start in students homeroom)

*Schedules determined by team

Grades 7 & 8 September 19th

5:30-6:00 Administrative and Specialist Meet and Greet

6:00-7:00 Meet the Team (Schedule available outside homeroom)

*Schedules dictated by CORE student schedule

This is an exciting night to meet your student's teachers, hear each teacher's routines, expectations, and an overview of what your child is going to be learning this year.

Spirit Day is 9/22 - One of the best days of the year is Spirit Day. Our students come to HMS ready to display their school pride. It is an afternoon where our cheerleaders lead our grades in cheer to determine which class has the most school spirit. Since we have moved this outside, you can hear the school pride for miles.

Spring Socials on 9/22 - Last years Spring Socials were such a success that we are bringing them back this year. Our students will have access to games (like gaga ball), slides, obstacle courses, music, dancing and Kona Ice.

5 & 6th grade students will be staying after school on September 22nd and starting their social directly after school. The event will run from 2:15-3:45 pm. Information regarding pick up will be sent out soon with directions that will explain how to pick up your student from the event.

7th & 8th grade students will start their social at 5:00 pm and the event will end at 6:30 pm. Details will be sent out regarding the directions for dropping off and picking up your student.









Upcoming Events

9/18 Curriculum Night Grades 5&6 5:30 Meet and Greet Admin 6:00- In the classrooms

9/19 Curriculum Night Grades 7&8 5:30 Meet and Greet Admin 6:00- In the classrooms

9/22 HMS SPIRIT DAY

9/22 HMS Socials 2:15-3:45 Grades 5&6 5:00-6:30 Grades 7&8

9/25 Health Curriculum Night

9/25 iReady ELA Fall Assessment Grades 6&7

9/26 iReady ELA Fall Assessment Grades 5&8

9/27 iReady Math Fall Assessment Grades 6&7

9/27 School Committee Meeting

9/28 iReady Math Fall Assessment Grades 5&8

9/28 Gr 7 (team 7B)Tree Tops field trip

9/29 Gr 7 (team 7A)Tree Tops field trip

10/3 Early Release 12:15pm

10/9 No School Columbus Day

10/24 Picture Retake Day

10/25 School Committee Meeting

10/27 Harvest Fest @ HMS

The event will cost \$10 for this individual social. Students can purchase an Event Bracelet for \$25. This bracelet will get students into all socials for the year. They will be on sale next week!

Parent/Guardian and Family Involvement- There are a number of ways that parents and guardians can be involved at HMS. We will be looking for volunteers for our upcoming socials, Harvest Fest (The biggest annual fundraiser for the Visiting Nurses Association), future field trips, and with our HPTA! If you are someone who is looking to be more involved, come in and fill out a CORI. Please stop by the main office during Curriculum Night and make sure that your CORI is up to date.

We are also looking for parents, guardians, teachers, and community members to be part of our School Council. If you are interested, please email me at <u>dbirolini@hanoverschools.org</u>.

Thank you to all of our HMS students, staff and families. We are off to a great start. It is going to be a fantastic year!

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any and all questions, concerns, or ideas for improvement.

Dan Birolini Principal Hanover Middle School



"Our goal each and every day is to improve ourselves."

