

 <p>MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MCAS MASSACHUSETTS COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM</p>	 <p>Parent/Teacher Conferences</p> <p>Spring Teacher Conferences February 29th, March 1st and 5th</p>	 <p>SCIENCE FAIR HMS</p> <p>The Science Fair is back! March 28th</p>	 <p>Our goal, each and every day, is to improve ourselves.</p> <p>HMS, WHERE WE ALL BELONG!</p>
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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings HMS Families!

Welcome back HMS! Hopefully all of our families were healthy, happy and able to enjoy the winter break. We have had a couple of very busy weeks at the middle school with our successful 5th and 6th grade social, a wonderful 7th and 8th grade dance, spirit week, an important assembly on “Cyber Sense,” and the week before vacation was highlighted by the HMS Spelling Bee. The busyness continues as we have conferences this week and the next eight weeks are full of the things that make the Middle School years so great. We look forward to Pi Day, the Science Fair, our middle school musical and of course, MCAS. There is something going on every week and it is exciting. Please take a look at the events calendar on page 2 for a full list of dates and events.

Conferences



We are happy to invite our parents and guardians in over the next week and a half for our teacher conferences. Conferences will be on Thursday evening (2/29,) Friday afternoon (3/1,) and Tuesday afternoon (3/5.) If you have not scheduled a conference and would like to, you can use the following link <https://hanover-appts.myhalix.io/> until 2:00PM today, Monday, February 26th. All conferences scheduled after 2:00PM will need to be scheduled with the individual teachers.

If you have any other challenges scheduling a conference, such as technology issues, please call our main offices at 781-871-1122 or contact me directly at dbirolini@hanoverschools.org.

Cyber Sense at HMS

On February 15th, we were happy to collaborate with the Plymouth County District Attorney’s Office and welcomed Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Marvel to speak to our students about responsibly using technology, gaming, Apps, and social media responsibly. It was a meaningful 45 minute presentation that focused on the law, bullying, and acceptable use. We now have well-informed young people who have the knowledge and tools to make appropriate and responsible decisions when gaming and communicating online and on social media.



Spelling Bee

On the Friday before vacation, we had 38 qualifying competitors, 9 from each grade, vying for the chance to be the 2024 Spelling Bee Champion. The Bee is really an amazing event and can be quite daunting for our competitors who had to spell in front of 900 of their peers and our HMS staff. All of our competitors did an amazing job. Special congratulations to David Hoffman (3rd place,) William Gardner (runner up,) and the 2024 Spelling Bee Champion, Greyson Potter.



Science Fair

The HMS Science Fair is back! The Science Fair will be held on Wednesday, March 28th. We had over 100 students at our first meeting and many students have already started their projects. It is not too late. Start a project today. The Science Fair is always one of the most impressive days of the school year.



MCAS 2024

MCAS is around the corner. The testing window begins at the beginning of April and ends May 27th. Please see the dates listed by grade level below. Our 8th grade is partaking in the History/Civics pilot MCAS this year. There will be more information regarding MCAS to come.

MCAS 2024			
Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
ELA April 8th & 9th	ELA April 8th & 9th	ELA April 3rd & 4th	ELA April 3rd & 4th
Math May 9th and 10th	Math May 9th and 10th	Math May 6th and 8th	Math May 6th and 8th
Science May 14th-15th			Science May 14th-15th
			History May 28th & 29th



- 2/29 Evening Conferences
- 3/1 - Early Release Day 12:15 pm
Afternoon Conferences
- 3/5 - Early Release Day 12:15pm
Afternoon Conferences
- 3/13 - Term 2 Ends
- 3/14 - Pi Day/Term 3 Begins
- 3/19 - Gr.6 Parent Camp Meeting @
7 Gr 6 Candy Pickup @
2:15pm
- 3/21 - Term 2 Report Cards
- 3/22 - Gr 8 Course Registration
Presentation for HHS
- 3/27 - Gr 5 Museum of Science Field
Trip
- 3/28 - Science Fair
- 3/29 - No School/Good Friday
- 4/2 - Early Release - 12:15 pm
- 4/3 - 7 & 8 ELA MCAS
- 4/4 - 7 & 8 ELA MCAS
- 4/5 - High School Musical @ HHS
7:00pm
- 4/6 - High School Musical @ HHS
2:00 & 6:00pm
- 4/8 - 5 & 6 ELA MCAS
- 4/9 - 5 & 6 ELA MCAS
- 4/15 - 4/19 April Vacation
- 5/6 - 7 & 8 Math MCAS
- 5/7 - Early Release - 12:15pm
- 5/8 7 & 8 Math MCAS
- 5/9 - 5 & 6 Math MCAS
Term 3 Midterms Published
- 5/10 - 5 & 6 Math MCAS
7 & 8 Band/Chorus Six Flags
Field Trip
- 5/14 - 5 & 8 Science MCAS
- 5/15 - 5 & 8 Science MCAS
- 5/16 - HMS Spring Concert
- 5/27 - No School/Memorial Day
- 5/28 - Gr 8 Social Studies MCAS
- 5/29 - Gr 8 Social Studies MCAS
- 5/31 - HHS Graduation

HPTA

Calling all supporters of our Hanover Schools! Want to get involved to ensure our kiddos have the best school experience? JOIN the HPTA! There are many ways to get involved ! We are looking for those who want to volunteer to be on the HPTA board, to serve as liaisons with each school, and those who want to help facilitate our in-school events. Work full time, no problem! We all do. We will start having evening board meetings virtually. This will help our working moms and dads be part of our great team. Can only help out occasionally? No problem! We would love to have you contribute whatever time you have. Reach out to hanoverptaboard@gmail.com or any of our current members with questions! Darcy Lamond darcymlamond@gmail.com



On behalf of the students and staff of HMS, I would like to thank the HPTA and all of the parents who continuously volunteer and/or support us. The events that we have at the middle school, would not be possible without such a great and supportive community.

End of Year Events

We are in the process of scheduling the end of the year events such as the 8th grade dinner dance and the promotion ceremony. These events are greatly dependent on the last day of school. The promotion ceremony for our 8th graders will be the last full day of school for students. That date is currently June 14th. We will communicate all end of the year events as soon as we have the finalized date of the last day of school.



A Great Finish to the 2024 School Year

This year is moving so quickly and as we see all of our students getting ready for the next grade level, our 8th grade students are starting to look and act like high school students. We have started to have the conversations about what is expected to be successful in the next grade level. It is important that our students understand the importance of responsibility and hard work.

We have some amazing experiences planned for our students from the Museum of Science and Field Day (grade 5), Camp Squanto (grade 6), Greek Olympics (Grade 7), to Washington DC (grade 8) to go along with our traditional events such as Pi Day, the science fair, the musical, and our spring concerts. It is a great time to be a middle school student or staff member. I do want to take this opportunity to thank our amazing staff who makes these opportunities a priority for our kids.

Have a great week and please reach out with any questions, concerns or ideas.

Dan Birolini
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Hanover Middle School

Spelling Bee 2024



Spirit Week - Dress like a teacher day!

5th and 6th Grade Social

