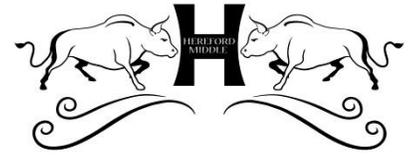


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# December 2018-January 2019

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## Hereford Middle School

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Schools will be closed from December 24 through January 1  
for the winter break.

We will return on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

Dear Hereford Parents and Community,

As we approach a new calendar year, it is a great time to celebrate our success, reflect on our progress and re-align our goals. We are proud to report that Hereford Middle School received 4 stars on our Maryland Report Card. We are the highest ranking middle school in Baltimore County. The star rating is calculated using the following factors: Academic Achievement, Academic Progress, English Language Proficiency, and School Quality/Student Success.

While we celebrate this success, we are ready to find ways to grow. Our focus on responsive instruction, social emotional learning, high expectations and high-quality daily instruction will promote this growth. Teachers and staff are committed to our student's success.

Attendance is crucial to student's success. Creating positive attendance habits will lead students to success now and create positive trends, which will carry over into their adult lives. Hereford has an attendance rate of 95.9 at this point in the year. This attendance rate is evidence of your commitment to your student's growth and development. Please note students must be present at least 4 hours to be marked present for a full day.

It is a pleasure to serve the Hereford Community. I am blessed to work with our amazing students, supportive parents and talented staff. I hope you have a wonderful winter break full of rest, fun, family and reflection.

Season's Greeting and Happy New Year.

Julie Dellone  
Principal

**December 4** – SGA Fundraiser – Chipolte

**December 8** – S3 VEX IQ Robotics Event -  
Westminster

**December 7** – Orchestra Winter Concert  
@ HHS

**December 13** – HMS Basketball @  
Franklin

**December 17** – Band Winter  
Concert @ HHS

**December 18** – Chorus Winter Concert @ HHS

**December 19** – Parent Conferences 2-4 p.m.  
**December 19** – HMS Basketball @ Arbutus

**December 20** – Quiz Bowl @ Cockeysville  
**December 20** – HMS Basketball @ Catonsville

**December 24 – January 1** – Winter Break –  
Schools and Offices Closed

**January 2** – Schools Reopen

**January 3** – HMS Basketball @ HMS

**January 4** – HMS Basketball @ HMS

**January 8** – HMS Basketball @ HMS

**January 10** – Quiz Bowl @ Ridgley  
**January 10** – HMS Basketball @ HMS

**January 15** – HMS Basketball @ Sudbrook

**January 17** – HMS Basketball @ HMS

**January 21** – Martin Luther King Day – Schools  
and Office Closed

**January 22** – HMS Basketball @ HMS

**January 24** – HMS Basketball @ Windsor Mill

**January 25** – Second Marking Period Ends

**January 29** – Quiz Bowl at HMS  
**January 29** – HMS Basketball @ Northwest

**January 31** – HMS Basketball @ HMS

## **EMERGENCY EARLY DISMISSAL/INCLEMENT WEATHER**

If your child needs to leave school early for any reason, he/she needs to bring a note into the front office in the morning before they go to homeroom. The office will issue a pass to the student for their early dismissal. Students will show the classroom teacher the pass at the time of dismissal, and then proceed to their locker and to the front office. Please do not forward early dismissal and/or after school pick arrangement notes by email or fax unless you have contacted the front office and have been instructed to do so. In the event of inclement weather, please pay close attention to the news, refer to the BCPS website, or the BCPSOne app. This will help prevent numerous calls to the front office.

## **ABSENCES**

Any time a student is absent from school he/she needs to bring a note to the homeroom teacher upon returning to school.

**\*OFFICIAL MSDE ATTENDANCE RULE: A full-time student must be present for at least 4 hours to be marked present for a full day. A full-time student must be present at least 2 hours to be marked half-day present. Full-time students present for less than 2 hours will be marked absent.**

## **FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT**

- **HEREFORD HAS HEART**

Hereford Has Heart is a special program that we have here at Hereford Middle School to recognize students for exhibiting positive character traits such as, respect, responsibility, caring, trustworthiness, citizenship, perseverance and positive friendship traits. We try to catch students "being good" such as including others in activities, and helping others feel like they belong. We recognize them each month by having their names shared on the announcements and posted in the Hereford Has Heart display case. We also call each student down to the lobby to present them with a certificate and a small prize. A description of how students showed good character is also read aloud in the lobby as well.

Last year we added a monthly drawing for a Chick-Fil-A gift card, which we are continuing this year. All student's names who are nominated are included in each monthly drawing. We will also be holding a drawing at the end of the year for a larger prize with all names of students from the year.

- **6<sup>th</sup> GRADE:**

Happy December! We've had a great start to the school year and I am really enjoying getting to know our 6<sup>th</sup> graders. What a fantastic group of kids! After conducting a needs assessment, it is apparent that we have many students who could use some assistance coping with anxiety and stress. As a result, I am going to start some small groups. If your son or daughter would benefit from additional strategies to manage stress, please send an email to me at [vshields@bcps.org](mailto:vshields@bcps.org). We also have a Mindfulness lunch group on Thursdays that is open to any interested 6<sup>th</sup> grader.

In addition, I have Organization Boot Camp for 6<sup>th</sup> grade on Friday mornings. If your child could benefit, please remind him or her to come down to C-9 on Friday mornings after checking in

with their homeroom teacher.

I will be back in the classroom for 7<sup>th</sup> grade registration soon. Please look for registration forms to come home in mid-December. As always, please call or email me with any questions or concerns.

**Ms. Vicky Shields, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Guidance Counselor**  
**[vshields@bcps.org](mailto:vshields@bcps.org)**

- **7<sup>th</sup> GRADE:**

Our big news is that the 7<sup>th</sup> grade participated in Career Day on November 9<sup>th</sup>. During Career Day, our Keynote Address was given by, the VERY engaging WBAL Education Reporter, Mr. Tim Tooten. After the Keynote Address, students participated in two additional presentations from local professionals representing a variety of careers. At the conclusion of Career Day, students participated in a very comprehensive Career Interest Inventory through Naviance where they identified top career clusters of interest and researched careers in those particular fields.

Prior to Career Day, I circulated through the 7<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms and taught lessons related to high school options and 6 year plans. 7<sup>th</sup> graders were also asked to begin thinking about post-secondary goals. Throughout the year I will meet with each 7<sup>th</sup> grader to talk with them about their individual interests and goals.

On December 12<sup>th</sup>, I will be distributing registration forms for 8<sup>th</sup> grade (can you believe it!). As always, please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

**Ms. Lilly Richardson, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Guidance Counselor**  
**[Lrichardson2@bcps.org](mailto:Lrichardson2@bcps.org)**

- **8<sup>th</sup> GRADE:**

Please remember to get your yellow registration forms for high school back to me as soon as possible. Please be sure to sign your form and that you have chosen three alternate courses labeled A1, A2, and A3.

AVID applications are due by December 14<sup>th</sup>. This includes the teacher recommendations as well. GPA's are not required for the application. AVID interviews will take place on January 30<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-1:30 p.m. at HMS in our library only for those students who turned in an application.

Those 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are interested in applying for the Carson Scholarship must have their essays to me no later than December 10<sup>th</sup>. Please see me for more information if you would like to apply. You must have at least a 3.75 GPA from first quarter of this school year.

If you have any question or concerns, please contact me.

**Ms. Keleigh Kongkraphun, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Guidance Counselor**  
**[kkongkraphun@bcps.org](mailto:kkongkraphun@bcps.org)**

## **DONATIONS**

We have generously been given a donation of coats to offer to any family in need. If you, or someone that you know, has a need, please contact our Guidance office at 410-887-7905.

## **FROM THE PTA**

Happy Holidays from the PTA!

We wanted to let you know about our New Year's Dance Party that is taking place on January 11<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, at Hereford Middle School. The dance will feature a celebration of the new year, including a rockin' DJ, a fun photo booth, games, prizes and more. Tickets are only \$5 and are on sale January 7<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup> during lunch. Have your students come celebrate the new year in grand style. This event is for HMS students only.

PLEASE SUPPORT

## HEREFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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We're partnering with Yankee Candle® Fundraising to help achieve our goal this year. Yankee Candle is the world's #1 candle brand and they offer a wide range of premium candles, fragrances, and decor items at a very wide range of prices. The most important thing to know is that our group will receive the profit for every item sold!

To help support us, click on the link below and order items online. Your purchases ship directly to your home and our group receives profit on each and every sale. This promotion is good through January 9, 2019.

### Start Shopping Now!

Click on the link below and you are on your way to helping our organization reach its fundraising goals.

[HEREFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL Online Store](#)

Click on the shopping link or simply type in [www.yankeecandlefundraising.com](http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com) and enter your Group Number **990082022** in the "Start Shopping" box there. Then you can shop for the same Yankee Candle Fundraising items and your purchases will still benefit our organization.

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# WHMS-TV



**Morning TV News** is our award winning daily broadcast put together by students, for students!

We are into our 9<sup>th</sup> year of delivering the morning announcements to the school.

Parents, you can access the show – it is posted daily at our Schooltube channel at this address:

<https://www.schooltube.com/channel/hmstv/>



HMSTV UPLOADS



12-3-18 WHMS Morning News



11-30-18 WHMS Morning News



11-29-18 WHMS Morning News



11-28-18 WHMS Morning News

**AG-Science Cleanup day** - recently community members, students, families, and staff came together to help our new instructor, Mrs. Kristyn Cales, get a head start on cleaning out the Ag Science storage, greenhouse, grounds, and chicken house. We got so much done thanks to everyone who attended and pitched in! #iBelong



**Parents Schoology Drop – In meeting, January 8, 2019, 9 to 11am (Very informal Meeting)**

-to learn more about Schoology      -help to get set up      -troubleshoot any issues  
 questions? Contact Christopher Putnam at [cputnam@bcps.org](mailto:cputnam@bcps.org)

**Did you know...**

Schoology has a mobile app that allows users to access Schoology on the go.  
 The mobile app can be downloaded for Android and iOS devices to provide users with quick and easy access to many of Schoology’s features.

**Check out the next two pages for more Schoology resources.**

**Hereford Zone Robotics** - we have remarkable student teams doing amazing things in our club! Here’s our club website if you want to learn more about us – [www.hzr929.com](http://www.hzr929.com)  
 Come cheer on the robotics competition teams as they attempt to qualify for the Maryland State Championship and, hopefully, the World Championship.

\*We are looking for judges and referees. Please contact Chris Putnam at [cputnam@bcps.org](mailto:cputnam@bcps.org)  
 remaining season schedule

	<b>Grade 6 and 7 teams</b>	<b>Grade 8 teams</b>
December 8	At Liberty Christian School 9 to 3pm	At New Town High School 9 to 3 pm
January 5	At Holabird Middle School 9 to 3pm	
January 16	At Ridgely Middle School, 4-7pm	
January 19		At Catonsville High School 9 to 3pm
January 26		At Calvert Hall College 9 to 4pm
February 9		Maryland State Championship At Hereford Middle School 9 to 4pm
March 2	Maryland State Championship at Oxen Hill High School 9 to 4pm	 <b>Hereford Zone Robotics</b>





## Baltimore County Public Schools Parents:

### Are you interested in...

- Quick access to student courses, grades, and assignments for all your children?
- Anytime, anywhere access to resources that can support your student's learning needs?
- Improved communication with teachers?

**BCPSone** provides BCPS families with quick and easy access to a variety of resources!

After creating a **myBCPS account** and adding your students, you will have access to:



*And much, much more!*

Note: A parent or guardian email address, first name, last name, and verification of educational rights must be on file with the school for each student prior to creating a myBCPS account.

### To create a **NEW myBCPS Account:**

1. Visit [mybcps.bcps.org](http://mybcps.bcps.org).
2. Click **Create an Account** and complete **Your Account Profile**. *You will be sent an activation code via email, which is good for 24 hours after generation.*
3. Click **Add a Student**. *You will be prompted to select your child's school and enter their date of birth.*
4. Click **Submit**.



For parents that already have established a myBCPS account, but are not connected to their student, please login to <https://mybcps.bcps.org/> and follow Steps 3 and 4 noted above.

# Schoology®

Schoology on BCPS One gives parents and students 24/7 access to student courses, grades, and assignments.



BCPS recommends that parents create and use their own myBCPS account, rather than use their students account. Using myBCPS parent account to access Schoology allows you to:

Quickly toggle between student accounts



Monitor student progress through the Schoology Mobile App



Access courses and grades with minimal clicks



Set notifications to stay updated on Schoology Activity



Efficiently communicate with teachers



Receive a Parent E-mail Digest for a weekly activity summary



**Interested in Learning More About Schoology?** Visit the **Learn About Schoology** page, found on your BCPS One dashboard. Here you can find videos and support resources that review quick tips for using Schoology as a parent.



**QUICK TIPS**

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- How to access your child's account and switch between multiple children: [VIDEO](#) - [PDF](#)
- Navigating your Schoology account: [VIDEO](#) - [PDF](#)
- Learn more about Schoology: [VIDEO](#) - [PDF](#)
- Navigating your child's Schoology account: [VIDEO](#) - [PDF](#)
- Getting started with the Schoology mobile app [PDF](#)



# HEREFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2018-2019



Thursday, December 13	Hereford at Franklin	Boys 4:00 Girls 5:30
Wednesday, December 19	Hereford at Arbutus	Girls 4:00 Boys 5:30
Thursday, December 20	Hereford at Catonsville	Boys 4:00 Girls 5:30
Thursday, January 3	Woodlawn at Hereford	Girls 4:00 Boys 5:30
Friday, January 4	Ridgely at Hereford	Girls 4:00 Boys 5:30
Tuesday, January 8	Southwest at Hereford	Boys 4:00 Girls 5:30
Thursday, January 10	Cockeysville at Hereford	Girls 4:00 Boys 5:30
Tuesday, January 15	Hereford at Sudbrook	Boys 4:00 Girls 5:30
Thursday, January 17	Lansdowne at Hereford	Girls 4:00 Boys 5:30
Tuesday, January 22	Deer Park at Hereford	Boys 4:00 Girls 5:30
Thursday, January 24	Hereford at Windsor Mill	Girls 4:00 Boys 5:30
Tuesday, January 29	Hereford at Northwest	Boys 4:00 Girls 5:30
Thursday, January 31	Pikesville at Hereford	Girls 4:00 Boys 5:30



# FREE PARENT WORKSHOPS!

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## 2019 Winter Workshops

Registration now open!

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### Let's Talk Series

Presented by Tana Hope, Ph.D. The Child and Family Therapy Clinic of the Department of Behavioral Psychology at Kennedy Krieger Institute

#### Talk One:

##### **Help My Child is Anxious! Understanding Anxiety and How to Help Your Anxious Child**

An overview of anxiety disorders and how they develop will be discussed. Additionally, the speaker will address common difficulties seen in anxious children; current treatment options for anxiety; and what parents can do to help their anxious child.

Tuesday January, 29, 2019 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. White Oak School Main Training Lab

#### Talk Two:

##### **ADHD - Intervention Strategies for Home and School**

Specific strategies that have been proven to be successful for improving your child's behavior and successful learning will be provided. Topics covered will include home-school communication, social interactions, executive functioning/ organizational skills, behavioral self-control, and homework/ class work completion.

Tuesday February 5, 2019 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. White Oak School Main Training Lab

#### Talk Three:

##### **Behavior Management at Home**

Effective home behavior management strategies for use with elementary age children and teens will be discussed. Emphasis will be on how to effectively improve your child's behavior at home. Ways to increase cooperation, foster prosocial behavior and promote positive family interactions will be explored.

Tuesday February 12, 2019 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. White Oak School Main Training Lab

#### Talk Four:

##### **Overcoming Depression: Functional Coping Skills for Parents to Share with their Teens & Tweens**

Depression in Tweens and Teens is quite common, and the consequences can be devastating. In this workshop, parents and caregivers will learn about causes of depression, how to identify signs of depression versus naturally occurring teen moodiness, prevention strategies that can be completed by parents and/ or their child, and how to assist your child through their depression.

Tuesday March 5, 2019 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. White Oak School Main Training Lab

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#### Registration is required and limited!

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Let us know in advance of any accommodations you may require

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Wednesday January 30, 2019, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Catonsville Library Meeting Room

Wednesday February 20, 2019, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., White Marsh Library Meeting Room

Wednesday March 6, 2019, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Reisterstown Library Meeting Room

Wednesday March 27, 2019, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., North Point Library Meeting Room

### Understanding Your Child's IEP

This workshop is designed to give parents a more in depth examination of the components of their child's Individualized Education Program (IEP) document. A closer look at the IEP will help you learn what you need to know to become more effective as an equal member of your child's IEP team. *Presented by Attorneys from Disability Rights Maryland*

Wednesday February 6, 2019, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Reisterstown Library Meeting Room

Wednesday February 27, 2019, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., North Point Library Meeting Room

Wednesday March 20, 2019, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., White Marsh Library Meeting Room

Thursday March 21, 2019, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Catonsville Library Meeting Room

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Daytime Winter Workshops

