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Hereford Middle School

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A MESSAGE FROM MRS. DELLONE

Dear Parent/Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our students, parents/guardians for a great start to the school year. Our back to school nights were a great success. Parents were presented with a description of their student's academic program, expectations, and outcomes. Parents can access grades and information about student's courses on Schoology.

Information about Schoology may be found at http://www.bcps.org/parents/schoology/.

Student clubs have begun. Clubs and activities information is posted on our website. Click this link to access permission slips and a complete listing of clubs and sponsors. Student Clubs/Activities

If you have not already done so please consider joining the PTA. Our PTA supports our students, teachers, and community in so many ways. A special thanks to the PTA and volunteers for organizing and revitalizing the garden around our sign. On October 5 we will be beautifying our Agri Science area. Please consider coming out to support this event.

Have a Great October!

Sincerely,
Julie A. Dellone
Principal

October 1 – Chamber Orchestra and Steel Band Auditions

October 1-11 – Yankee Candle Fundraiser

October 3 – MAP Testing

October 8 – MAP Testing

October 9 – Yom Kippur - Schools Closed for Students

October 18 – Schools Closed for Students - Professional Development Day

October 19 – BC Health Dept. Flu Clinic

October 25 – Fall Picture Make-Up Day

See Something, Say Something!

Safe Schools Hotline-
1-877-636-6332

Text/Email- Hotline@bcps.org

Maryland Crisis Hotline-
1-800-422-0009

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline- 1-800-273-Talk
FROM THE PTA

We are off to a busy start with PTA projects this year! We are just over halfway to our goal for Direct Donations and still need your financial help! We have already funded and planted a new garden around the school sign, and we are funding a new mural in the lobby. We have sponsored professional development for teachers and are also beginning to take funding requests from clubs. Every dollar you donate stays at HMS and benefits our students and teachers. And you don’t have to sell anything to make money for the PTA! Please consider your direct donation today. The form is attached to the newsletter and can also be found on the PTA page of the school’s website. Thank you!

Megan Stewart-Sicking, HMS PTA President, 2019-2020

FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE

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The HMS School Counseling Department is in full swing and has already completed lessons with each of the grade levels.

The 6th graders were introduced to their school counselor, Mrs. Keleigh Kongkraphun and learned about Student Service Learning Hours and positive study skills which will help to support their success as middle school students.

Mrs. Shields visited 7th grade classrooms to introduce the career and college exploration tool, Naviance. Students also completed a survey to set goals for their school year.

Mrs. Richardson visited 8th grade classrooms to introduce BCPS Magnet Schools opportunities to students. Students also learned about some of the many academic options available in High School.

BCPS Magnet School Opportunities

BCPS magnet programs are theme-oriented courses of study that provide students with in-depth experiences in specialized areas of interest. BCPS offers more than 100 elementary, middle, and high school magnet programs in 32 schools across the county. While some magnet programs exist within comprehensive schools, there are also schools whose entire population is determined through the magnet application process.

There are several Magnet Schools which 8th graders can apply to. The two Magnet Schools that will provide transportation to our students are the George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology and the Towson High Law and Public Policy program. HMS students may enroll in other magnet programs but will have to provide their own transportation to those schools.

The Magnet School Application Deadline is November 15th 2019
(SUBMIT ONLINE by 1 p.m. or postmarked paper application. Certified mail with return receipt is strongly recommended for paper applications)

For more info about Magnet Schools visit:
http://dci.bcps.org/department/innovative_learning/educational_options/magnet_programs
MAGNET SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

If you are interested in learning more about Magnet School we HIGHLY recommend attending an Open House!

See the list below for Open Houses! Mrs. Richardson will be attending both the Towson High and the Carver Open house and would love to meet you there!

George Washington Carver Center for Arts & Technology (Acting; Carpentry Careers; Cosmetology; Culinary Arts; Dance; Design & Production; Digital Instrumental Music; Information Technology & Interactive Media Production; Literary Arts; Visual Arts; Vocal Music) - Wednesday, Oct. 16, from 5 - 7 p.m.

Towson High School (Law & Public Policy) - Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 6 p.m.

Other BCPS Magnet Programs and Open Houses include:

- Chesapeake High School STEM Academy (Academy of Arts, Multimedia & Communications; Academy of Business & Information Technology; Academy of Leadership and Humanities; Academy of Science, Engineering & Mathematics) - Thursday, Oct. 24, from 5 – 7 p.m.

- Eastern Technical High School (Academy of Health Professions; Building & Construction Technology; Culinary Arts; Engineering Careers; Information Technology/Networking; Interactive Media Production; Law & Public Policy; Teacher Academy of Maryland) - Thursday, Oct. 17, from 6 – 8 p.m.

- Kenwood High School (International Baccalaureate; Sports Science Academy) - Tuesday, Oct. 22, at 6 p.m.

- Lansdowne High School (Academy of Arts & Communication – dance, instrumental music, mass communication, theatre, visual arts, and vocal music; Academy of Health & Human Services; Academy of Science, Engineering, and Information Technology) – Thursday, Oct. 3, from 4 – 6 p.m.

- Milford Mill Academy (Acting; Automotive Service Technology; Building & Construction Technology; Cosmetology; Dance; Design & Production; Instrumental Music (band and strings); Literary Arts; Visual Arts; Vocal Music) – Saturday, Oct. 12, from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

- New Town High School (International studies) – Thursday, Oct. 17, at 6:30 p.m.

- Overlea High School (Health Sciences)—Monday, Oct. 28, at 6 p.m.

- Parkville High School (Math, Science & Computer Science; Teacher Academy of Maryland) - Wednesday, Oct. 23, at 6 p.m.

- Patapsco High School & Center for the Arts (Acting, Dance, Design and Production; Instrumental Music – band and strings, Literary Arts, Visual Arts, Vocal Music) – Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 6 p.m.

- Randallstown High School (Academy of Health Professions; Multimedia Communications) - Wednesday, Oct. 2, at 6 p.m.

- Sollers Point Technical High School (Academy of Health Professions; Automotive Service Technology; Baking & Pastry; Biomedical Sciences; Building & Construction Technology; Cosmetology; Culinary Arts; Diesel Truck and Power Systems; Information Technology/Computer Science & Networking) – Monday, Oct. 7, at 5, 5:30, & 6 p.m.
• Sparrows Point High School (Environmental Science) – Wednesday, Oct. 30, at 6 p.m.

• Western School of Technology & Environmental Science (Academy of Health Professions; Automotive Service Technology; Cosmetology; Culinary Arts; Environmental Science; Environmental Technology; Graphic/Print Communications; Information Technology/Computer Science & Networking; Mechanical Construction/Plumbing Careers; Sports Science Academy) --Thursday, Oct. 10, from 6 – 8 p.m.

• Woodlawn High School (Early College; Mathematics, Science & Pre-Engineering) – Tuesday, Oct. 22, at 6 p.m.

One Love Parent Workshop
On Saturday, October 12th at 2:00pm parents are invited to join the ONE LOVE Foundation at ACAC Timonium for a free Workshop, “Behind the Post”, for Middle and High School Students and Parents. This Workshop reveals the impact social media plays in teen relationships. RSVP to Marlay@acac.com

Grief Camps for Kids - The Counseling Center at Stella Maris is still accepting registrations for the next grief camp for kids. Ages 6-12, Saturday, October 12 @10:00 – 3:00. For more information, please email or call The Counseling Center at 410-252-2500 x7291.

Upcoming College Fair - Kenwood High School will host their 12th annual college fair on 10/22 at 6:00 - 7:30pm. All families and students are welcome to attend! They plan to have 50+ colleges, universities, trade schools, and military organizations.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRADE LEVEL COORDINATORS:

6th Grade News

Grade 6 is off to a great start for the 2019-2020 school year. All of our 6th graders have done a great job learning to navigate the hallways and open their lockers! Students have had time to organize their binders and are reminded frequently throughout the day to record homework in their planners to assist with keeping organized. Please remind them to come to school each day with their device (fully charged), binder, earbuds or headphones and writing utensils.

The sixth graders are divided into three teams this year and they will participate in various activities as part of their teams. Students who have Ms. Sutton for Language Arts are on team 2 “The Innovators”. Students who have Ms. McShane for Language Arts are on team 3 “The Explorers”. There is one section of 6th grade students who have Ms. Steinwedel and are on team “Legends”. Be on the lookout for information coming soon about team activities all 6th grade will be participating in.

In academic classes the 6th graders are learning many new concepts. In Language Arts we are reading The Cay. In other Language Arts classes, they are studying dystopian literature and reading the novel, The Giver. Recently, these same students participated in a seminar discussing social commentary. In World Cultures we are working on our map skills and getting ready to start learning about different cultures. In Science we are learning about Ecosystems. All students will begin DARE with officer Winters in the next few weeks.

7th Grade News

Nearly a month of school has gone by, and we’ve enjoyed meeting and getting to know the seventh graders that have joined our classes and grade level community. This year, our focus is on ensuring that every single student feels like they belong here at Hereford Middle. As such, each student is part
of an interdisciplinary team, which is designated by their Language Arts teacher. Students in Mrs. Klug's classes are the “Warriors” and are to proudly wear red on Team Unity Days. If your child has Mrs. Hood for Language Arts, they are “Heroes” and will be sporting blue as their team color. The “Originals” are the students in Mrs. Gent’s Language Arts classes, and their team color is purple. Mrs. Shields is the seventh grade school counselor, and Mrs. Kouyoumjian is serving as the team leader.

Seventh graders students are charging full steam into engaging content in all their classes. Operations with rationale numbers and/or functions are the current topics in Math class. In Language Arts classes, we’ll find students reading a variety of novels, such as: Fever 1973, American Plague, Peak, Full Cicada Moon, and Outcast Unlimited. Social Studies has students exploring religious and trade empires; for example, the Byzantine Empire, Islamic Empire, African Kingdoms, and Song Dynasty. Lastly, in science class, students are engaging in inquiry-based, hands-on learning centered on energy transformations, the Law of Conservation of Energy, kinetic energy, and temperature.

As with the sixth and eighth grades, our first Team Unity Day will be on the last day of the first marking period, which is Friday, November 8th. On this half-day, seventh grade students will participate in activities that foster team identity and camaraderie. We request that students proudly wear their team color that day.

8th Grade News

It has been a wonderful start to the school year! The eighth-grade students have come ready to learn and do well this year! It is probably hard for you to believe that this is the last year of middle school. Our eighth graders are considered a part of an interdisciplinary team. If your child has Mrs. Simon for Language Arts, they are a “Champion” and the team color is blue. If your child has Mrs. Siegler for Language Arts, they are considered a “Victor” and their team color is purple. If your child has Mrs. Steinwedel then they are a “Legend” and their team color is red. Your child’s eighth grade team leader is Mrs. Fieden and your child’s counselor is Mrs. Richardson.

Students are studying some very interesting content in their classes. In Science class, your child is learning about natural hazards. In Language Arts class students are reading either “Refugee” or “The Outsiders.” In American History class students are examining credible sources using information about Pearl Harbor. Finally, in Math class students are working on a wide variety of skills: graphing, applying transformations, and even learning about geometric angles. If you get a chance, ask your child what they are learning about. You might be surprised!

Our first team Unity Day will be, Friday, November 8th. Students will compete in corn hole and a basketball competition. We are asking students to come to school wearing their team color. Our next team event will be to create a #IBelong t-shirt. We are asking for donations of plain t-shirts (any sizes) and fabric markers. Please drop off any supplies to the office to the attention of Mrs. Fieden. I cannot thank you enough for any donations!!!

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE:

Saturday, October 19th there will be a Baltimore County Health Department Flu Clinic at Hereford Middle School from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Students are permitted to carry clear, plastic water bottles. Please do not send glass bottles to school. We encourage students to drink plenty of water throughout the day. We also encourage students to eat a well-balanced breakfast each morning.
**VOLUNTEER AT HMS**

We are grateful for our parent volunteers at HMS. All volunteers must complete the volunteer application and participate in an orientation/training session annually. This is a requirement to chaperone field trips.

**Step 1:** Complete the BCPS Application form. [http://www.bcps.org/parents/forms/Application-for-Volunteer-Services.pdf](http://www.bcps.org/parents/forms/Application-for-Volunteer-Services.pdf)

**Step 2:** Attend a scheduled BCPS volunteer training at any school or complete the online volunteer orientation. You will be provided with a certificate once you successfully complete the training.

**Step 3:** Submit the application and the valid training certificate to the schools in which you intend to volunteer. Volunteers may provide hard copies or the documents may be emailed to the school volunteer coordinator, Carrie Sexton Johnson, at csexton@bcps.org. Both documents must be submitted at the same time to be accepted and reviewed by the school staff.

Once the application is reviewed and training has been verified, volunteers may be placed by schools and offices according to identified needs to perform tasks that support our established goals. If you have any questions, call the office at 443-809-7902.

**AFTER HOUR EMERGENCIES**

If you have an after hours emergency, please call 911 or one of the resources listed below.

**RESOURCES**

Emergency - 911

Maryland Help Line - 211

**Baltimore Crisis Response** - 410-433-5175 (24 hours a day 7 days a week)

**MD Dept of Health Crisis Line** - 1-800-422-0009

Suicide Hotline Text CONNECT to 741741, for more information visit [www.crisistextline.org](http://www.crisistextline.org)

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** - 1-800-273-8255

**My Neighbors Foundation** - 410-374-4657

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**Hereford Middle School**
Dear students and families,

Service learning is a teaching method that combines meaningful service to the community with curriculum-based learning. Students improve their academic skills by applying what they learn in school to the real world; they then reflect on their experience to reinforce the link between their service and their learning.

As mandated by the Maryland State Board of Education, all Maryland students must complete a student service requirement in order to earn a high school diploma. Students may begin working toward the 75-hour graduation requirement the summer after they complete Grade 5. Hours can be earned throughout middle and high school.

Hours may be earned by completing independent projects, by participating in service-related organizations/clubs and infused classroom lessons. Infused hours will be added to the 4th quarter report card and are a component of 2-3 subject in each grade.

Before beginning any independent Service Learning project, you must first obtain approval to ensure it meets the guidelines. In order to receive credit for Student Service Learning follow these steps:

1. Pick up a **Pre-Approval** form. Forms are available from the School Counseling Office, Service Learning Bulletin Board in the B Hallway or can be printed from the school website under Counseling > Service Learning > Service learning PDF

2. The student should complete the Pre-Approval form. Answers should be thoughtful and in complete sentences.

3. Bring the form to Mrs. Shields, or grade level counselor in the School Counseling Office for an approval signature.

4. After the activity is finished, the student should complete the **Verification and Reflection Form**. Answers should be thoughtful and in complete sentences. Turn in both completed forms (Pre-Approval and Verification and Reflection) to Mrs. Shields and you will receive notification when your hours are recorded.

If you have questions about the program, please feel free to see me in the school counseling office or email me at vshields@bcps.org

Vicki Shields  
School Counselor  
Student Service Learning Coordinator
PLEASE SUPPORT

HEREFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Group # 990082022

We're partnering with Yankee Candle® Fundraising to help achieve our goal this year. They are the world's #1 candle brand and they offer a wide range of premium candles, fragrances, and décor items at a very wide range of prices. But the most important thing to know is that a percentage of every sale goes to us!

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 Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

READY TO 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 Yankee Candle Shopping Site

If this link fails to take you to the shopping site, don't worry. Simply type in 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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You can also enlist friends and family from out of town to help your organization reach its goals. Simply visit www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and click on the "Seller Login" button and fill out the "Sign up to be a seller" form; use your Group Number (above) to register. Their purchases will be delivered directly to them and your organization earns additional profits!

Sell across the country with our Mobile App - it's an easy way to invite phone and social contacts to shop online! Sales tax and shipping charges may apply to online orders.

Download Yankee Fundraising at:

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YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISING SALE
HEREFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

September 30 – October 11, 2019
The Hereford Middle School PTA welcomes you to a new school year! We are excited about the programs we sponsor that benefit the school, staff, and students at Hereford Middle School. Your direct donation allows us to fund student events, teacher appreciation events, scholarships and our Teacher Grant program. We need your support to be successful. For your convenience, one check made payable to HMS PTA may be written for PTA memberships and direct donations.

Please complete the sections on this page and return it by September 30th to Hereford Middle School, 712 Corbett Rd, Monkton, MD 21111. On behalf of the students, teachers and administrators, we thank you for your support!

2019-2020 DIRECT DONATION FORM
(I would like to make a tax-deductible donation to HMS to support students and teachers.)

Our Direct Donation Campaign goal this year is $20,000 and 100% participation. The recommended contribution is $50 per child or $75 per family, but we truly appreciate donations of any size. All funds donated to the HMS-PTA Direct Donation Campaign stay at Hereford Middle School for the good of our children and our teachers, and are 100% tax-deductible.

Name___________________________________         Donation Amount $ ________________________________

2019-2020 PTA Membership Form
Yes, I would like to become an HHS-PTA member for only $10.00 per individual membership.

(Member #1 First Name) ___________________ (Last Name) ___________________

(Member #2 First Name) ___________________ (Last Name) ___________________

Email List
To Be Used for PTA Communications

Parent’s Email Address: ________________________________

Parent’s Email Address: ________________________________

Parent’s Email Address: ________________________________

Student(s) Grade(s): ________________________________

SUMMARY
Please make your check payable to HMS-PTA. Thank you for supporting the 2019-2020 Membership & Direct Donation Campaign. Your cashed check will serve as your receipt for your tax-deductible donation.

Please indicate Totals:

(# of Memberships) ___________________ ($______) ___________________ Total Check Amount $________________

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