Dear Parents and Guardians:

Although this winter has been challenging, I am hopeful that spring is on the way and we will have even warmer temperatures. There is something encouraging about seeing all the new growth as it emerges.

As we move towards spring, we have an annual ritual which is to remind folks of the dress code in the middle school. Before you go out and spend money on spring clothes for your children, please remember the following guidelines:

We ask that students not wear any attire which may distract from classroom instruction and learning, including clothes that convey messages or advertisements for tobacco, illegal drugs, alcohol, or other intoxicants; also clothing must be free of pictures and slogans offensive to community standards. Underwear should not be visible to others; shorts should reach fists at one’s side.

We do everything we can to keep the focus on instruction. You may have heard me say that it is difficult to get students’ attention, without having to compete with the nearly naked. Students seeking attention will do a lot of things to distract from the instructional focus. We expect them to push the limits, but I assure you that we will continue to set the limits. Thank you for your support with this.

I encourage you to take the Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey, which can be found on HMS’s website or on the BCPS website. Baltimore County Public Schools wants to hear your honest feedback.

Sincerely,

Cathy Walrod

Catherine P. Walrod
Principal
**CHANGES IN IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS**

All Grade 7 students in 2016-2017 (next school year) will be required to provide proof of having received a dose of meningococcal vaccine (also called Menactra & Menveo) and a booster dose of Tdap (also called Boostrix and Adacel.) These vaccines are in addition to the vaccines required for kindergarten. Most children receive these vaccines at age 10 or 11.

Parents of current Grade 6 students are urged to:

- Check with their child’s health care provider to see if the child has received these vaccines.
- Schedule an appointment for the child to receive these vaccines BEFORE August 24, 2016.
- Provide verification of the immunizations to the school nurse.

More information about these vaccines is available at the Office of Health Services website [http://www.bcps.org/offices/sss/health/](http://www.bcps.org/offices/sss/health/).

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**Andrew Dotterer Wins the HMS Geographic Bee! Moves One Step Closer to $50,000 College Scholarship…..**

Hereford Middle School hosted the school-level Geography Bee on January 13, 2016. The winner of the championship round was Andrew Dotterer (grade 7) who moves on for a chance at a $50,000 college scholarship.

The next step for Andrew will be to take an online geography exam. If he qualifies, he will be eligible to compete in the Maryland State Bee on April 1st. If Andrew wins the state level competition, the National Geographic Society will provide an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. to participate in the National Geographic Bee National Championship. The first-place national winner will receive a $50,000 college scholarship.

Congratulations Andrew and Good Luck!
SPECIAL PERMISSION APPLICATIONS:

If your child is planning on attending Hereford High School under Special Permission, Policy and Rule 5140 states that the timeline for applications for the 2016-2017 school year is April 1 to June 1, 2016. Applications will not be accepted at Hereford High School prior to or after this designated time frame.

Special permission forms are available online at www.bcps.org/system/policies_rules/forms_exhibits/5000_Series/FORM5140A

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO PARENTS OF EIGHTH GRADERS:

All resident students (excluding homeless, shared domicile, and students in State supervised care) transitioning from grade 8 to grade 9 will be required to verify residency with the sending school (Hereford Middle School) prior to the start of next school year.

Letters will be forwarded to parents of our 8th grade students at the end of April with details of the documentation that needs to be provided.

Please be aware that failure to verify residency in our school attendance area could result in withdrawal.

CONTINUED TRANSPORTATION REMINDER. . . .

Hereford Middle School DOES NOT APPROVE bus notes for students’ to ride another bus other than their assigned one.

Please note that this has been the procedure for many, many years!

IT’S TIME FOR SPRING PICTURES!

Individual student pictures will be taken on Monday, March 21st and Tuesday, March 22nd.
BCPS Central Area Educational Advisory Council Meeting

Update on the current enrollment and enrollment projections for the central areas and central area schools.

WHAT? Dr. Russ Brown, Chief Accountability and Performance Management Officer, will discuss current and projected BCPS enrollments for the central area.

WHEN? Wednesday, March 16, 2016
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

WHERE? George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology (in the cafeteria)
938 York Road, Baltimore MD 21204

WHO? All BCPS stakeholders are invited to attend. This includes parents, teachers, students, staff, and community members.

QUESTIONS? Contact: Aimee Freeman
Email: aimeefree@gmail.com
Phone: 410-599-9738
Baltimore County Public Schools

Summer Music Camp

Thank you for your interest in the 30th Annual Summer Music Camp. The camp will be held on weekdays, beginning Tuesday 6/21/16, through Wednesday 6/29/16, from 9 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. at Perry Hall High School.

The Summer Music Camp is a day camp for Baltimore County Public Schools’ instrumental and vocal music students who are currently in Grades 5–12 and are enrolled in their school’s music programs. During camp, students will perform in a band, chorus, and orchestra at the appropriate grade level. In addition to large group rehearsals, students will participate in enrichment classes and receive instruction to enhance musical performance skills. All of the musical ensembles will perform in a public concert in the outdoor amphitheater at Oregon Ridge Park, the summer home of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, on the evening of Wednesday, June 29, 2016.

All Baltimore County Public Schools’ students enrolled in their school band, chorus, and orchestra are invited to participate. No audition is required. The fee for this unique summer musical experience is $200.00, which includes a camp T-shirt. Transportation to and from Perry Hall High School will be provided at no additional charge to students who do not reside in the host school community. A listing of the school-based, pick-up sites is included on the registration form. Bus transportation information will be sent out in June.

This summer music experience promises to be both highly rewarding and very enjoyable. We look forward to your child’s participation in this unique musical enrichment opportunity. For more information, contact the band, chorus, or orchestra teacher at your school.

All registration forms and payment in full are due to the Office of Music and Dance Education no later than Friday, May 13, 2016. If the student has a health condition that requires medication during the camp day, or specialized emergency training (e.g., a seizure disorder), please submit those (Doctor’s order, written/signed statement with contact information) in writing along with the application. Financial assistance may be available. Contact Mr. Shane Jensen, Music Specialist, at sjensen@bcps.org or 443-809-4024 for more information.

Mr. Shane Jensen, Music Specialist sjensen@bcps.org
Baltimore County Public Schools’
Summer Music Camp

Registration Form for Music Students

The 2016 Summer Music Camp will be held on weekdays, beginning Tuesday 6/21/16, through Wednesday 6/29/16, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Perry Hall High School.

Student’s Name ____________________________

Last \ First \ Initial

Check one – Band ☐ Chorus ☐ Orchestra ☐ Instrument/Voice Part __________________________

School __________________________ Present Grade Level ______

Parent or Guardian ____________________________________________

Address ______________________________________________________

Zip Code __________________________ T-Shirt Size: YL YXL AS AM AL AXL A2XL

Home Phone __________________________ Business Phone __________________________

Cell Phone __________________________ E-mail __________________________

Please list below an emergency contact in the event a parent/guardian cannot be reached:

Name __________________________ Phone __________________________

Deadline for Registration: Friday, May 13, 2016

Please make checks payable to Baltimore County Public Schools in the amount of $200.00 and include student name in memo. No refunds will be issued after Friday, May 27, 2016. You may return the completed registration form and payment in full to your child’s music teacher or mail to:

Baltimore County Public Schools
Jefferson Bldg/ Office of Music, 4th Floor
105 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

If transportation is needed, please circle the appropriate school bus stop listed below. Buses will transport students from and to the following locations each day (pick-up locations are subject to change based on camp enrollment).

☐ We will utilize the bus stop circled below:

Dundalk High Patapsco High Golden Ring Middle Kenwood High
Southwest Academy Parkville High Hereford Middle Ridgely Middle
Loch Raven High Franklin Middle Deer Park Middle Catonsville Middle
Arbutus Middle Middle River Middle Dumbarton Middle Deep Creek Middle
Pikesville Middle Pine Grove Middle Cokesburyville Middle

☐ We will not need bus transportation to and from camp.
You are invited to an informative evening on current drug use in adolescents in the area. The evening will include:

- Presentation by Licensed Social Workers experts in drug addiction.
- A panel discussion with recovering addicts and parents of a recovering addict sharing their personal stories.
- Open forum for questions and answers.
- Resources available.

Sponsor by First Step and the Hereford Zone Safety Community
Hereford Volunteer Fire Company

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny And Spring Craft Fair

Summit Manor, Rear of Fire House
Sunday, March 13, 2016
8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet
on the 1st floor

Waffles, Pancakes, Sausage, Ham, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits, Chipped Beef Gravy, Hash Browns, Fruit Cocktail, Juice, Coffee, Tea & Milk

Adults $8.00
Children (3 to 10) $4.00
Children under 3 Eat Free

Spring Craft Fair
on the 2nd floor
No admission fee

Come, browse and enjoy
Crafters needed for Fair

Check out our Children’s Craft area and Face painting!

Take your picture
with the Easter Bunny!

Contact Betsy 443-286-5316 or betsymellin@gmail.com for more information

“This organization and its materials are not affiliated with, sponsored by, or endorsed by Baltimore County Public Schools, the Superintendent, or this Baltimore County Public School or office.”
The Graul’s receipts program swings into full gear!

Students are asked to simply bring in the BLUE Graul’s receipts, if their parents shop there, and to give them to their homeroom teacher. We are heading to the finish! April is the final collection. Top collecting homerooms win prizes!

Proceeds will go towards improving classroom technology and other classroom purchases. The Graul’s program ends in April. Graul’s matches $250 for every $25,000 receipts collected. Last year we earned a check of $1,250! Our goal this year is $1,500

Graul receipts are BLUE this year

WHMS Morning News is live every school morning. Shows are recorded and available for viewing at our schooltube site! Keep in touch with school happenings—make WHMS part of your daily routine. http://www.schooltube.com/channel/hmstv/

Thanks, in part, to the PTA for supporting us in getting a new video mixer for our TV studio. We have delivered 1,025 shows over the past 6 years and are now prepared to continue long into the future of HMS!
Congratulations HZR teams!
HMS has 5 robotics teams heading to the VEX World Championships! They will travel to Louisville, Kentucky on April 20-23rd to join 1,000 teams from around the world in a fun, competitive, very difficult test of scholastic robotics.

Time management, stress management, STEM in Action! Good luck to the teams!
Of our 10 teams at ’states’, these 5 competed at the 2016 Maryland VEX state championships and came away with awards to earn invites to Worlds.

9290B— Cole Borror, Harshini Arumugam, Carly Ross, and Will Marchineck They also earned 3 other awards including programming champ, robot champ, and the Build award.
9290C—Andrew Brown, George Koutsoukos, and Keegan Whittle

929c-winning the design award - Nick and Tessa Janney, Ben Weigel, and Thomas McCue
929d-is the best team in Maryland for the second year in a row! Julia Long, Zoe Hsieh, and Sarah Burney won the tournament, excellence, and programming awards, just like last year
929j- Sean Park, Patrick Guo, and Benjamin Ryan Outstanding programming skills got this team a Worlds invite

Hereford Zone Robotics announce the 6th annual Robotics Summer Camp

Explore lifting, driving, and sensor guided robots.

Design robots to complete specified tasks.

Build robots to participate in robotic competition.

Program robots to operate autonomously and remote control.

Check out full camp descriptions on our website.

Week 1: July 11-15
at Hereford Middle School
Level 1 robotics, 8:30-11:30
Level 2 robotics, 12:30-3:30
grades 5-7 (as of 2016-17 school year)

Week 2: July 18-22
'Maker' camp *gr 5-9 8:30-11:30
Vex metal robotics- gr 8-12 12:30-3:30

Week 2: July 18-22
at Hereford High School
Technology Education Lab

3d Printing, design & more!

VEX IQ Level 1 & 2

VEX VRC metal robotics

go to our website for full details > clickHERE
open to all kids- private/public school

Full website at: hzr929.com contact: Chris Putnam- cputnam@bcps.org
HEREFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL CALENDAR

March
  2-24  Grade 8 MSA Science testing
  4    Interims distributed
  Grade 7 Career Day
  Professional Development Day *(School Closes 3 Hrs. Early)*
  18   HMS Talent Show, Cafeteria, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
  21   Spring Pictures (Grades 7 & 8)
  22   Spring Pictures (Grade 6)
  25-April 1  Spring Break *(Schools/Offices Closed)*

April
  4    Schools reopen
  8    Third Marking Period Ends *(School Closes 3 Hrs. Early)*
  13   Incoming 6th Grade Parent Orientation (6:00-8:00 p.m.)
       20-23 Robotics teams at World Championships
       in Louisville, Kentucky
  21   Distribution of Report Cards
  26   Primary Election Day *(Schools/Offices Closed)*
  29   Spring Choral Concert @ HHS, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

May
  4    Spring Band Concert @ HHS, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
  6    Spring Strings Concert @ HHS, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
  18   Interims distributed
  27   5th Grade HMS Visitation
  30   Memorial Day *(Schools/Offices Closed)*