
November 2018



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AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

American Education week will be held the week of November 12th-16th. Hereford Middle School is excited to welcome visitors. Below is the schedule for visitation. Please see attached form to register to attend American Education week at the end of this newsletter.

Monday, November 12th	6th Grade Visitation (last names A-L)
Tuesday, November 13th	6th Grade Visitation (last names M-Z)
Wednesday, November 14th	7th Grade Visitation
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CLOSINGS & DELAYS

With winter right around the corner please take this time to review with your child(ren) what plans you have in place if school is delayed or dismissed early due to inclement weather. You can also review the Emergency Dismissal Plan that was completed at the beginning of the school year. Ensure your student knows his/her bus number. All HMS after school activities, clubs and ROCK after school program is also cancelled when schools close early.

November 2-3-VEX IQ Tournament

November 6- Election Day-Schools & Offices Closed

November 7- PTA Meeting

November 9- First marking period ends- Schools close 3 hours early

November 10- All State Auditions

November 12-16 American Education Week

November 12-14- Hearing & Vision Screenings

November 12- Last name A-L 6th Grade visitation

November 13- Last name M-Z 6th grade visitation

November 14- 7th Grade visitation

November 15- 8th Grade visitation

November 19- Turkey Trot

November 22-23- Thanksgiving Holiday Schools and offices closed

November 26- Report Cards Distributed

November 27- Hereford High Counselors Visit 8th Grade

November 28-High School Registration Meeting- Hereford High

November 30-Hearing & Vision re-tests

November 30-1- HZR Stampeded

December 1-Honors Auditions

Information about school operations will be announced publicly as soon as possible on local radio and TV stations as well as the BCPS website and BCPS App on your phone. You may also call BCPS information line at 443-809-555.

HOMWORK REQUESTS

If you wish to pick up work for your child you will need to notify your child's grade level coordinator. Work may then be picked up from the front office at the **end of the following school day.**

Grade 6: J. Brad Seeley jseeley@bcps.org

Grade 7: Kim Kouyoumjian kkouyoumjian@bcps.org

Grade 8: Pam Kohlenstein pkohlenstein@bcps.org

PRIVATE SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT REQUEST PROCESDURES

All transcript and teacher/school counselor recommendation forms are processed through Mrs. Francis, Student Records Secretary, in the School Counseling Office. **Please do not distribute any student forms directly to teachers/school counselor.** Mrs. Francis maintains copies and verification of all student record transactions.

1. Signed authorization for the release of student records is required for each transcript request. Most private schools provide a release of records form for this purpose.
2. Parent/Guardian should include two (2) postage stamps with each request for transcripts.
3. Teacher/School Counselor recommendation forms should be submitted to Mrs. Francis in the School Counseling Office. All teacher/school counselor recommendation forms should be submitted to Mrs. Francis with the student name and identified teacher name. Forms are distributed and collected by Mrs. Francis. All completed forms are dated and mailed by Mrs. Francis.

Any questions, contact your grade level school counselor or Mrs. Terri Francis at tfrancis@bcps.org or 410-887-7905.

DESTINATION IMAGINATION

The HMS Destination Imagination team will be selling customized Texas Roadhouse gift cards with the Hereford bull on them from [November 1-15.](#)

Gift cards are in increments of \$5 (up to \$100 each), and are good at all Texas Roadhouse locations in the United States! Please consider ordering gift cards to give as gifts for the holidays or spend at an upcoming fundraiser dinner! For more information contact jones.pamela@comcast.net , Traci Siegler tsiegler@bcps.org or a Hereford Middle School Destination Imagination team member.

FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

6th Grade School Counselor, Mrs. Shields

Happy November! We've had a great start to the school year and I am really enjoying getting to know our 6th 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. We also have a Mindfulness lunch group on Thursdays that is open to any interested 6th grader.

In addition, I have started an Organization Boot Camp for 6th graders 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. As always, please call or email me with any questions or concerns. Thank you!

7th Grade School Counselor, Mrs. Richardson

7th Grade is looking forward to Career Day on November 9th. During Career Day, students will be hearing a Keynote Address by, WBAL Education Reporter, Tim Tooten. After the Keynote Address, students will hear two additional presentations from local professionals representing a variety of careers. Students will also participate in some additional career related activities on Career Day. It promises to be a memorable event.

I have circulated through the 7th grade classrooms and taught lessons related to high school options and 6 year plans. 7th graders were also asked to begin thinking about post-secondary goals. Throughout the year I will be meeting with each 7th grader to talk with them about their individual interests and goals.

As always, please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

8th Grade School Counselor, Mrs. Kongkraphun

We have gotten off to a great start so far this year! So far, we had our Magnet Schools presentation in September for all 8th graders. Anyone who is interested in applying to magnet programs needs to do so online by 1:00 p.m. on November 16th. Feel free to contact me with any questions about magnet programs.

High school registration is right around the corner in November. So in preparation, in October, I met with all the 8th graders for the 6 year plan lesson. We learned about many high school options such as completer programs (the Career Technology Completer, the College Completer and the Advanced Technology Completer), the AVID program (Advancement Via Individual Determination); dual enrollment and early college access, and more! Should you have questions, please contact me.

I will start one-on-one 6 year plan meetings now that the lesson is complete. I will meet with each student for approximately 10-15 minutes to discuss their high school, post-secondary plans and career plans. I really enjoyed the meetings last year as I was able to get to know students as individuals and what's most important to them and I'm looking forward to these meetings again!

Many 8th graders attending the Junior Achievement Inspire field trip in October. Baltimore County Public Schools teamed up with an organization called Junior Achievement Inspire and prepared an awesome

event with many potential area employers. Students were able to meet representatives from area companies and experience many hands on activities. It turned out to be a great event.

Be on the lookout for registration forms coming home in late November.

American Education Week

Visitor Pre-Registration Procedures

We are so excited to welcome you during American Education Week. In an effort to make your arrival to Hereford Middle School more efficient, we are streamlining our “check-in” process. Visitors will “pre-register” for the visit. This will allow us to pre-print name badges, so that you can get to your child’s classroom as quickly as possible.

Please fill out the attached form and have your student turn it in to their homeroom teacher by Wednesday, November 7th. When filling out the form, please provide the legal name that is included on your government issued photo ID. Otherwise, we will not be able to locate your name in the Raptor system.

If you have **not** had your license “scanned” at Hereford Middle School (this could pertain to several of our new 6th grade parents), you will need bring your license in and have your license scanned so that we can add you into our Raptor system. Even if you have been previously registered in the Raptor System at an elementary school, you will still need to be registered here at Hereford Middle School.

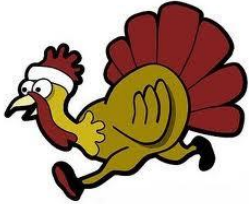
Visitors who have not preregistered must be signed in at the office and have badges printed on visitation day. Please allow time to check in as there will likely be a line.

Thank you for your help and we look forward to your visit!

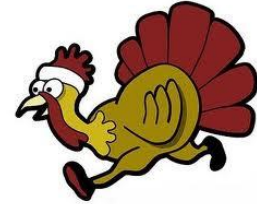
Visitor Full Legal Name (as it appears on driver's license)	Student Name	Grade	Date(s) of Visit

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Turkey Trot Information



Hello HMS Community,

It's FINALLY here!!! The annual running of the Hereford Middle School Turkey Trot will take place on Monday November 19th. The Physical Education department would like to invite you to attend and enthusiastically cheer on all of the runners participating. There is one race this year that will include everyone, including some of the HMS staff!! We expect the race to begin around 2:30 and that the race and awards will be wrapped up by 3:00. Please make sure that a ride is there promptly by that time.

Students should plan on dressing for the weather. So it would be wise to have a long sleeve shirt and sweatpants just in case. Students should report directly to the locker room after school to change into their PE uniforms (or cold weather gear) for the race and report to the gym to get their name tag.

If you have any questions of concerns, feel free to contact the HMS Physical Education Department. Please remember that we have limited parking!!!

Hope to see you there!!!!

The HMS Physical Education Department

