



April 2024 Newsletter

Hanson Middle School

<http://www.whrsd.k12.ma.us>

781-618-7575 – Main Office

781-618-7375 – Absentee Line

Dear Parents:

A sure sign of spring is the beginning of the sports season. No matter how chilly the temperature may be, the sight of spring sports practice tells me that spring is most certainly here!

This can be a stressful time of year for your student. Drawing closer to the end of the school year can produce anxiety related to work left to be done, moving on to a new grade level, and for our 8th graders moving on to high school. Please know that we are here for your child and for you as parents and caregivers. During the month of April, Progress Reports for the 3rd Quarter will be available on Wednesday April 10th on Infinite Campus. We will be having Parent Teacher conferences on Thursday April 25th. Afternoon conferences will be held from 12:00 until 2:00 pm these will be Virtual. Evening conferences will be in person by appointment and will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Parents will be able to sign up for appointments online. The website to schedule appointments opens on Monday April 8.

<https://hms.meettheteacher.com>

<https://support.meettheteacher.com/category/678-parent-logins>

If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Please take note of the MCAS testing schedule listed at the end of the newsletter. Please check to make sure the students charge their chromebook the night before their test.



Upcoming Events

April 5 – Early Release Day
Dismissal 11:00 a.m.

April 10- Progress reports available.

April 13-21 - No School Spring Break

April 25 Parent Teacher Conferences

12 p.m. - 2 p.m. (virtual)

5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. (in person by appointment)



Spring Picture Day:

April 11, 2024

If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Bill Tranter, Principal

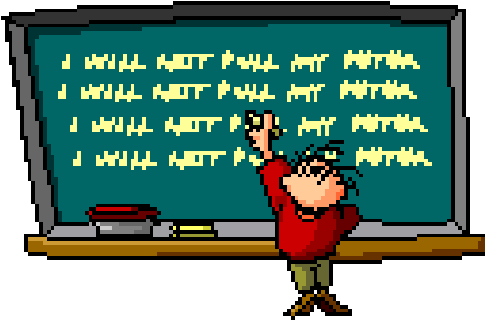


From Guidance – Ms. Sweeney

As our 8th graders prepare to move on to WHRHS, please make note of the following important information: All 8th graders should have already selected elective classes. If you have any questions about the transition to high school, please don't hesitate to ask me or contact your child's high school counselor. High school counselors are assigned to students as follows:

Students with last names beginning with:	Counselor:
A-B	Mrs. Carrigan
C-F	Mr. Murphy
G-L	Mrs. Selig
M-P	Ms. Cunha
Q-Z	Mr. Amado

If your child plans to attend a school other than W-H next year, please email me at Jan.Hobin@whrsd.org to let me know so we can be sure to transfer records to the correct school.



From The Assistant Principal

There have been instances of parents texting children while their children are in class, and cases of children texting parents, in some cases causing distractions or disruptions that affect teaching and learning. If you need to get important information to your child, please call the main office. If your child needs to contact home, they should do so through the main office. The use of electronic devices, unless allowed by teacher/administrator for educational purposes, is not permitted during the course of the school day.

We have had a few questions regarding food and drinks outside of the cafeteria, and some instances of sharing food and beverages in and out of the cafeteria. As a reminder, there should be no chewing of gum, or eating food or candy in the school at any time with the exception of food in the cafeteria or with special permission from the principal. Students should not be sharing food. It can be unsanitary, unsafe, pose issues for those with allergies, and at times has been disruptive. Students are allowed to have water. Teachers may ask students to throw other items in the trash if they show up in their rooms.

As the weather gets warmer, many students will take advantage of the nice days, choosing to walk or ride bikes home rather than take the bus. Please remind your children to be safe as they head home and to be respectful of the businesses and residences they pass along the way. Students should try and stay on sidewalks and be careful when crossing any streets. They should also be aware that they should not use the playground behind Indian Head School until the elementary school is dismissed.

Spring Picture Day

Spring photos will be taken on Thursday, April 11. Please see attached flyer and be on the lookout for email reminders from Lifetouch. See additional information at the end of the newsletter. **DUE TO SCHEDULING CONFLICTS WE WILL NOT HAVE A PICTURE RETAKE DAY**

Yearbook:

The deadline to buy a yearbook is quickly approaching! Sales are up and active until Wednesday, April 26th. **There are NO sales after that date**, this is the company's shut off point and I nor they have any access after the deadline as our books go into production quite quickly and we are not given extras.

Student yearbooks are \$20.

The link to purchase: ybpay.com

Our school code is: **14121423**

From there you will be able to input your child's information and billing details. All yearbooks get delivered to Hanson Middle School and are passed out to students the last week of school.

If you are ordering for more than one student please put in a separate order for each student (this allows for each student to get their own at the end of the year for signing time)

Student Council

Student Council would like to recognize our winners for Citizen of the Month for the month of March:

5th Grade: Jessica DeLue

6th Grade: Jackson Yeo

7th Grade: Brianna Guidaboni

8th Grade: Aoife Flynn





Congratulations to all of our winners! Thanks for making HMS a little brighter every day! Winners will have a pizza lunch with Mr. Tranter, Mr. Belvis, Mr. Every, and Mr. Merritt!

Coming up next month, Student Council will be holding its last dance of the school year for grades 5, 6, and 7 on Friday, May 3rd. We will have more details as we get closer to the event!

As a reminder, Student Council will generally meet every other Wednesday with both advisors, and meetings will usually last until about 3 or 3:15. New members are always welcome to join throughout the school year!

SCHOOL NURSE NEWS



ILLNESSES:

- MA DPH has updated the guidance for covid 19 isolation to align with the new CDC guidance. The 5 day isolation for positive covid 19 infection is no longer required for the general population. Guidance for symptoms of a respiratory virus (including flu and covid 19) is updated on the MA DPH website at [Staying home to prevent the spread of respiratory viruses - Mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/staying-home-to-prevent-the-spread-of-respiratory-viruses)

- Please continue to be cautious and keep sick children home. If your child is experiencing more than one symptom such as cough, sore throat, congestion, headache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and/or fatigue, they should stay home and be seen by their pediatrician as needed.
- As always, if your child has a **fever of 100 or higher**, they need to stay home until they are fever free for 24 hours without taking any fever-reducing medicine.

ABSENCES:

- Please remember to call the absence sick line (781-618-7375) or the nurse directly to report your student absent and be sure to include the reason for absence. I will be following up with phone calls home as needed regarding illnesses and absences.
- If your child does see their doctor for an illness, please ask for a doctor's note for their absence(s) from school so your child's absence can be marked as excused.
- If your child is absent due to an illness/medical condition for 5 or more consecutive days, a doctor's note verifying clearance for return to school is required.

INJURIES/RESTRICTIONS:

- If your child has sustained an injury, we must have a note from the doctor stating the child's physical limitations/restrictions, including a gym excuse note and order for the use of assistive devices such as crutches or a wheelchair

MANDATED SCREENINGS:

- Scoliosis screenings will begin April 10th. The PE teachers assist me with conducting this screening process. Notification letters regarding this were emailed to parent/guardian(s). If you do not want your child to participate in this screening please contact me in writing prior to April 10. If we notice positive findings with your child, you will receive a letter from me asking that you follow up with your child's pediatrician. Letters will go out once all screenings are completed.
- All Grade 7 screenings are completed and referral letters were mailed home for those students who did not pass on either the vision or hearing screenings.

Thank you and as always please contact me with any questions or concerns.

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What is Autism Acceptance Month 2024?

Autism Acceptance Month is an event that promotes the inclusion and acceptance of people diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Every year, this month-long celebration aims to break the stigma of people living with autism. During the month, workshops and events educate professionals on how best to support people on the autistic spectrum, from school support to health care and housing. Sponsored by the Autism Society of America, Autism Acceptance Month seeks to shift the narrative from "*awareness to acceptance*," to help autistic people feel supported throughout their lives.

It's All Greek To Me!

by Adam Crescenzi,
Brendan Boland

Friday, May 10th / Saturday, May 11th
AT 7PM AT 2PM & 7PM

HANSON MIDDLE AUDITORIUM
TICKETS \$10 (SOLD AT DOOR)

HMS Drama proudly presents "It's All Greek to Me!,"
a mythological adventure comedy about some of the most famous Greek mythologies

"Gods and mortals alike are shocked when the scheming Hades kidnaps Persephone from Mt. Olympus and holds her hostage in the Underworld. A pack of vain reporters clamors outside the gates of Zeus's palace to get the scoop, while the Goddess of the Harvest crankily destroys all of the crops in an attempt to win Persephone back. In the midst of it all, two unlikely heroes arise in the form of a young lute player named Orpheus and his bride-to-be, Eurydice, who brave Hades' bizarre kingdom in this clever send-up of Greek mythology."

Together, Ms. Storey and Mrs. Foley, with assistance from Mrs. Brain, are co-directing the production of “It’s All Greek to Me!” Auditions were open to all 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Graders. Rehearsals for the play began in October and are held on Mondays and Tuesdays until 3:50 PM. **There are three chances to see the final performance! The shows will be on Friday, May 10th at 7pm and Saturday, May 10th at 2pm and 7pm in the HMS Auditorium.** Tickets will be sold for \$10 at the door. Doors will also open 30 minutes before showtime and concessions and water will be available for purchase. We have an amazing assortment of actors and crew this year who are ready to give you a spectacular show. We hope we will see you all there!

MCAS April 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1 D 8 TH ELA	2 E 5 TH ELA	3 A 6 TH ELA	4 B	5 C Early release	6
7	8 D 7 TH ELA	9 E 8 th ELA	10 A	11 B	12 C	13
14	15 V A	16 C A	17 T I	18 O	19 N	20
21	22 D	23 E 5 TH MATH	24 A 6 TH MATH	25 B	26 C 7 TH MATH	27

MCAS May 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29 D 8TH MATH	30 E 5TH MATH	1 A 6TH MATH	2 B	3 C 7TH MATH	4
5	6 D 8TH MATH	7 E 5TH SCIENCE	8 A 5TH SCIENCE	9 B	10 C	11
12	13 8TH SCIENCE	14 8TH SCIENCE	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

PICTURE DAY IS:
EL DÍA DE LA FOTO ES:

Thursday, April 11, 2024
Jueves, 11 de abril, 2024

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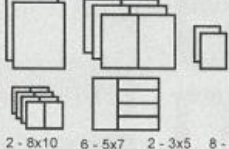

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