

	<h1 style="text-align: center;">Husky Happenings</h1> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Hamilton Heights Middle School</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">420 West North Street PO Box 609 Arcadia, IN 46030 317-984-3588</p>	<p><b>Vision Statement</b> <i>Our vision is to help all students become the best version of themselves. HHMS empowers great kids to do great things.</i></p> <p><b>Mission Statement</b> <i>HHMS is a bridge between elementary and high school, preparing all students to be successful. We accomplish this by connecting students with outstanding teachers, caring for each child, engaging students in meaningful curriculum, challenging students beyond their comfort zone, and inspiring them to rise and learn from their failures.</i></p>
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<p><b><u>A Note from the Principal, Bret Bailey</u></b></p> <p>One of our goals is to celebrate the hard work of our students and create a positive culture that supports them throughout the school year. We have made a number of substantive improvements to meet this goal and improve the ways we serve our students. In previous newsletters, I've shared about our shift from a Junior High to a Middle School. The most substantive change is that teachers meet more regularly with their grade-level colleagues in order to plan and find ways to help students succeed and feel supported. In previous years, they met almost exclusively in subject-area departments. If you have a concern or would like to discuss your child's progress, you now only need to contact your child's grade-level team leader or the specific teacher with whom you'd like to speak. We understand that the transition from ES to MS can be challenging because there is no longer only one teacher for your child. He/she can now have 6-8 different teachers throughout the day. Contacting them can be overwhelming. Setting up a time to meet with the grade-level team after school is an efficient way to ask questions and get help. It's also possible that our teams will reach out to you if they'd like to further support your child who might be facing some challenges.</p> <p>We've also established quarterly incentive parties or field trips for students who meet pre-established academic, behavioral, and attendance goals. What's exciting is that the overwhelming majority of students are stepping up and achieving these goals. Our students provided us feedback last year that they wanted us to recognize those who do what they are supposed to do each day, and we've worked hard to celebrate them this year in new ways. Each grade level will either have an incentive party or field trip once each quarter. Students who do not meet the goal are provided with an opportunity to get caught up on their work and receive additional academic support. 2-3 hours of focused attention and extra academic support can improve a student's grade. Several students who didn't participate in the previous incentive activities were able to see some grades improve by 1-2 levels when they participated in the academic support sessions. We believe every child can succeed, and we are committed to helping them each day.</p> <p><b><u>Important Dates &amp; Deadlines</u></b></p> <p><b>Yearbooks for Sale, Due March 10</b> HHMS Yearbooks are going on sale this week. They are \$20.</p> <p><b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students Prepare for High School Course Scheduling for Freshman Year</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>December 6: HS Counselors present to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in Mr. Beechler's Classes</i></li> <li>○ <i>December 7: HS Counselors present to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade PARENTS (<u>HS MEDIA CENTER 7:00 PM</u>)</i></li> <li>○ <i>December 13: HS Counselors meet with all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to create their HS schedules</i></li> </ul>		

## Friendly Announcements, Updates, and Reminders

### Academic Study Tables, Every Tuesday and Thursday from 3-5

Mrs. Smith manages our after school Academic Study Tables program. If your child needs a quiet, productive place to work on his/her classes, this is a free option for you. Our only request is that students come ready to work, and if he/she is leaving before 5, please call the office or send a note before the end of the day so that we can ensure that they get to you safely.

### Attendance Update

Continue encouraging your child to attend school each day and ensure they get here. Our goal is 97%, and we are currently around 96.3%. Attendance is a critical pillar to academic and employment success. Attendance habits that begin in middle school carry over to high school and adult life. If your child doesn't earn the opportunity to participate in the incentive activity at the end of each quarter, it's important that he or she still attends school to receive the academic support.

### STEM Scouts

We are still in need of volunteers to lead our after school STEM Scouts group. We have 8 students who have signed up and are ready to start immediately. This is a weekly commitment for about 3 hours that includes preparation, the workshop, and clean up. Please contact Mr. Bailey if you are interested in volunteering.

### Student Group Picture Day is Friday, Dec. 9

The photographer will be on campus taking pictures of our clubs and student groups.

### Construction Updates at the Middle School

All roof construction is now complete. Next semester, our team will begin planning the new learning spaces in the new middle school. It's an exciting time to be at HHMS.

### New Vex Robotics Game Pieces and Field

We are in the process of setting up the VEX Robotics competition field so that students who are on teams can bring in their robot and practice in the afternoon or evening at school. Please contact Mr. Bailey if you'd like to set up a time to practice.

### Cheerleading Clinic, Forms Due Dec. 16

Please see the attached flyer for more details.

**Want Information about the  
Reconfiguration Study and Project Vision?  
Visit [www.hhschuskie.org/projectvision](http://www.hhschuskie.org/projectvision)**

## Upcoming Events

### December

4: Winter Band Concert (HHHS Auditorium 2:00)  
6: Winter Choir Concert (HHHS Auditorium 7:00)  
7: Early Student Release Day (2:06)  
14-16-Final Exam Days  
16: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 9 Weeks Incentive Bowling Trip  
16: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade 9 Weeks Incentive Roller Skating Trip  
16: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade 9 Weeks Incentive Party  
16: End of Second Nine Weeks Grading Period  
19-30: Winter Break (No School)  
22: School Board Meeting (HS Media Center 6:30)

### January

2: First Student Day of Second Semester  
6: Grade Cards Emailed Home  
6: SADD After School Dance (3-5)  
11: Early Student Release Day (2:06)  
16: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (School in Session)  
25: Early Student Release Day (2:06)  
28: District Vocal & Piano Contest

### February

3-9: Book Fair  
4: District Band Contest—Wind, Percussion, & String  
8: Early Student Release Day (2:06)  
10: After School Dance (3-5)  
17: Flex Day  
20: Flex Day  
22: Early Student Release Day (2:06)  
27-March10: ISTEP+ Test Applied Skills Window

### March

3: BPA After School Dance (3-5)  
7: Choir Contest Concert (HS Media Center 7:00)  
10: 3<sup>rd</sup> 9-Weeks Grading Period Ends  
22: Early Student Release Day (2:06)  
23: Winter Athletics Awards Program (6:00)  
27-April 7: Spring Break-No School

### April

17-May 5: ISTEP Testing Window  
19: Early Student Release Day (2:06)  
21: PE After School Dance (3-5)  
27: HHMS Honor Society Ceremony (West Gym 6-7)

### May

1: Labor Day-No School  
2-5: HHMS Staff Appreciation Week  
8: Flex Day  
13: Band Pops Festival (3:30-8:30)  
15: Washington, DC Trip Parent Meeting  
18: Student Athlete Physicals at HHMS  
18: Walk-a-Thon  
19: Walk-a-Thon (Make-up Day)  
19: Yearbook Signing Party (3-5)  
19-26: BOGO Book Fair  
23: Choir Concert and Awards Night (HS Auditorium 7:00)  
24: Early Student Release Day (2:06)  
24: Academic Awards Night (West Gym 6-7:30)  
26: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Leaves for DC Trip  
29: Memorial Day-No School  
30-June 1: Final Exams  
31: DC Trip Returns Early in the Morning

### June

1: Last Student Day-4<sup>th</sup> 9-Weeks Grading Period Ends

# HHHS Cheer Clinic



**What:** Cheers, Chants, Dance, Jumps, & Tumbling for Grades K-8

The girls will have the opportunity to perform the cheer, chants and dance they learn at the clinic during the Varsity game on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at HHHS.

**When:** Clinic-Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for grades K-5

**Clinic-Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for grades 6-8**

Registration from 8:45-9:00am/ Clinic 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for K-5\*

Registration from 3:00-3:30pm / Clinic 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for 6-8\*

**Where:** HHHS, Upper West Gym (You will enter through the front of the school, by the cafeteria.)

**Cost:** \$25 (price includes t-shirt and clinic, make check payable to HHHS)

\*Please fill out the bottom portion and return to the office by December 16th. If you do not turn in the form and money by the date above you will not be guaranteed a T-shirt. You can still participate in the clinic and performance that day. Questions-contact Amanda Engle at [aengle@mail.hhsc.k12.in.us](mailto:aengle@mail.hhsc.k12.in.us).

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## PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact and Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt size (Circle one) YS YM YL AS AM AL