

HHMS Parent Update 1.14.24

IMPORTANT DATES

- Flex Day (No School): TOMORROW Monday, January 15
- E-Learning Day #4 (Asynchronous): MONDAY, February 12
- Flex Day (Currently No School): Monday, February 19
- Spring Break: Monday, March 25 through Monday, April 8
- [2023-2024 School Calendar](#)
- [2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

TICKETS FOR HICKORY CLASSIC (ALL STUDENTS): The Grade 8 Boys and Girls basketball teams will travel to Knightstown on Wednesday, January 24 to play the Tipton Blue Devils at the historic Hoosier Gym. In order to attend, you must purchase a ticket ahead of time. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. Click [here](#) to purchase tickets. SEATS ARE VERY LIMITED.

GROUP & CLUB PICTURE DAY (ALL STUDENTS): The activity picture day for clubs and groups is coming up Tuesday, January 23.

PICTURES USED FOR THE YEARBOOK (ALL STUDENTS): If your child had picture retakes, but you prefer the original photo, please email Mrs. Goodman (egoodman@hhschuskies.org). The retake photo will automatically be used in the yearbook unless you contact Mrs. Goodman by Monday, January 22.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL ALUMNI NIGHT (ALL STUDENTS): Please click [here](#) for information and the sign up sheet for the Alumni Night at the high school on January 20. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Ballenger (cballenger@hhschuskies.org).

REMINDER ABOUT SYNCHRONOUS E-LEARNING DAYS FOR WEATHER (ALL STUDENTS):

Whenever school is canceled due to inclement weather, we will communicate one of two options. First, school could be canceled, and we will use a Flex Day to make-up the school day (See the calendar linked at the top of this update). Second, we could use a Synchronous E-Learning Day. The district will send out a message in the morning stating which option we are using. The decision is usually dependent upon how much time we know in advance. In the event of a Synchronous E-Learning Day, teachers provide live virtual classes in real time, and students need to log in and participate in the class to be counted present for attendance. We will follow the schedule we've used a few times so far this school year.

Synchronous E-Learning Days

HHMS E-Learning Day Class Schedule (Grades 6-8)

- Period 2 (9-9:25)
- Period 3 (9:30-9:55)
- Period 4 (10-10:25)
- Period 5 (10:30-10:55)
- Period 6 (11-11:25)
- Period 7 (11:30-11:55)
- Period 8 (12:00-12:25)

HHMS 1 E-Learning Day Class Schedule (Grade 5)

- Morning Classes (9-10:25)
- Specials Class (10:30-10:55)
- Afternoon Classes (11-12:25)

*The 5th grade synchronous lessons will look different with the teacher providing instruction and support as the students work on the lesson. We understand 5th grade students have fewer teachers and transitions with longer periods of time with their teachers online.



PE 8 AND HIGH SCHOOL PE 1 CHANGE (GRADE 8): All 8th grade students are now enrolled in Physical Education I (L), which will count as credit for their first semester of freshman PE. We collaborated with the high school administration and counselors to make this adjustment so that students will have the opportunity to earn one of their PE credits while taking PE in middle school. This is a change from the HS parent meeting in December. Taking this course eliminates the need for students to take the online PE class this summer. Next school year, our goal is to offer both PE I (Semester 1) and PE II (Semester 2) for all 8th grade students so that they can fully complete the PE requirements (2 Credits) for high school in 8th grade. *PE II can only be completed in school or through the Sports Waiver process next year. It cannot be completed online. PE I will NOT be offered this summer as a summer school class. They will complete it this semester in 8th grade or next year as a freshman if they fail the class or are unable to complete the course this spring.*

WASHINGTON, DC TRIP (GRADE 8): The dates for the trip are Friday, May 24 through Wednesday, May 29. Click [here](#) for the details of the trip. Click [here](#) to visit the website to register online. If you would like to mail in your registration to Classic Tours along with your deposit, you may print the pdf form and fill it out. We now have enough students for the trip. Space is limited on the bus, so get your registration in ASAP if your child wants to participate.

BASEBALL TRYOUTS (GRADES 7/8 BOYS): Tryouts for the HHASA middle school baseball team (7/8 Boys) was from 10 to noon this morning at the Student Activity Center (SAC). However, if you missed this tryout and would like to possibly participate or have questions, contact Erika Collins (erika.collins05@gmail.com).

LIFESMART YOUTH MAKE UP DAYS (GRADE 7): The students in 7th grade PE/Health will complete the Lifesmart Youth program on January 24 and 25. If you opted out your child for this program, he/she will also be opted out for these last two lessons. The unexpected E-Learning Day disrupted the normal presentation schedule. They will have one more lesson and then a review day. Please contact Mr. Murphy (amurphy@hhschuskies.org) if you have any questions.

LIFESMART YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL EVENT (GRADE 7): Lifesmart Youth is hosting an optional event for students who have participated in the program. As a part of LSY's mission to amplify the voices and lived experiences of youth in our communities, LSY has created a Youth Advisory Council (YAC) to intentionally carve out space for the students we serve so that they might have a direct role in strengthening our curricula and providing insight and feedback on the work we do. Plus, they have an opportunity to learn about nonprofit work, gain valuable leadership skills, and discover that they too have the power to be advocates for change in their communities. Click [here](#) for more information about this upcoming event January 25 from 3:00-5:30. Space is limited to 25 students. Contact Nikki Sullivan (nsullivan@lifesmaryouth.org) or Mrs. Rash (srash@hhschuskies.org) if you have any questions.

ART CLUB APPLICATIONS (GRADES 5/6): Art Club 5/6 Applications will be available on Monday January 8 and will be due by Tuesday, January 16. Members will be selected and notified on Friday, January 19 and the first meeting will take place on Thursday, January 25.

REMINDERS

HIGHFIVE UPDATE (ALL PARENTS): If you would like access to a HighFive (formerly Behavior Flip) parent account, please email Mr. Bailey (bbailey@hhschuskies.org). If you have a previous account for a child and need to add a new MS student to your existing account, I can help you with that as well. All of your middle school children can be under one parent account. If both parents would like a separate account, we can do that. We will reset the data in High Five on Monday, January 8.

CAR RIDER PICK UP HELP NEEDED (ALL PARENTS): If you would like to volunteer for about 15 minutes after school each day (or even a few days a week) in the south parking lot with car rider pick up, please contact Mr. Bailey (bbailey@hhschuskies.org).



SUPPORTING STAFF THROUGH KIND WORDS: Simply click [here](#) to submit a “Husky Way Moment” Story (32 submitted so far!). You can also submit a story [here](#) to nominate one of our middle school team members for the monthly Husky Hero Award with the Hamilton Heights Education Foundation and Craig Bowen with F.C. Tucker Company. Craig and his family present a \$250 check to each month’s Husky Hero winner within the district. We’d love to see another one of our HHMS team members receive this generous award.

CAR RIDER LINE INSTRUCTIONS (ALL STUDENTS): A few days during the last week of the semester, traffic was backed up onto St. Rd. 19. This happens when students don’t get out of their cars until the end of the line. Once you park along the south sidewalk, please have your child get out and walk to Door O. About 15 cars can drop off at the same time. Thank you for your help in this matter. It really does make a difference in keeping everyone safe and the carline running smoothly.

HHMS ALL PRO DAD (ALL STUDENTS): The next meeting dates are January 25, February 23, March 21, April 26, and May 24 from 7:00-7:45 AM in the Auxiliary Gym. Park on the south side of the building and enter Entrance O. Please contact Aaron Galvin (aaronlgalvin@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

UPCOMING FREE SOCCER CAMP (ALL STUDENTS): Click [here](#) for details and the sign up form for the upcoming soccer clinic. The first session begins February 11. You may contact Assistant Coach Handy (dsilber21@gmail.com) or Assistant Coach Lucky (cluckey@hhschuskies.org) with any questions.

SAFE SITTER 1-DAY TRAINING CLASSES (ALL STUDENTS): Click [here](#) for new dates, cost, and other information about upcoming Safe Sitter training courses hosted by the Carmel Fire Department.

UPCOMING CHEER AND STUNTMAN CLINIC (GRADE 5): Click [here](#) for details and the sign up form for the upcoming cheer and stuntman clinic for students in grades K-5. The cost is \$25, which includes a T-shirt. Contact Coach Engle (aengle@hhschuskies.org) if you have any questions. Turn in the form and money to your child’s school front office (ES or MS).

Sincerely,

Bret Bailey, HHMS Principal

