

HALL SCHOOL DIGITAL BACKPACK

January 26, 2024

Monday, January 29	Music Monday, Chamber Singers 2:45-4pm, Jazz Band 4:30 - 6pm
Tuesday, January 30	HMS Basketball vs. VCMS, girls' home 3:45pm
Wednesday, January 31	Afterschool Clubs
Thursday, February 1	WEALTH
Monday, February 5	Music Monday, Chamber Singers 2:45-4pm, Jazz Band 4:30 - 6pm
Wednesday, February 7	Afterschool Clubs
Thursday, February 8	WEALTH
Thursday, February 8	Bingo Night, Willington Hill Fire House 7pm

Hello, Hall Families!

Here are some events and reminders for Hall Memorial School:

Washington, DC Trip

Thank you so much for your support of our 8th grade students during our recent can and bottle drive. We raised \$1,101 that will be put towards the balance of our Washington, DC trip. If you missed the drive, no worries!!! We will be having another one in March - Date to be announced.

We will also be running a Munson's chocolate fundraiser that will begin on February 5. I will share the link for ordering in our Digital Backpack next week!!!

COVID Protocols

We have seen a considerable uptick in our COVID cases district-wide, especially since we returned from the holiday break. Our local health department (Eastern Highlands Health District) also reports a variety of other respiratory viruses circulating in Willington and surrounding communities. Please take precautions to keep our school community healthy. The school nurses have COVID tests for families with students who are symptomatic. You can find our COVID protocols on our school website. Please keep your child home from school if they are experiencing significant respiratory symptoms. We appreciate your continued support and as always, please feel free to contact the school nurse with questions. There has also been an increase in cases of the flu and RSV. If your child is sick, please do not send them to school. Remember that students must be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school. We appreciate your attention and cooperation in keeping our school community healthy and safe! Remind your child that sharing water bottles, eating utensils, and food items is a potential risk for them!

PTA Dates to Remember:

- **February 8th:** *No PTA Meeting!* The winter Gala committee will be meeting at 6pm at the Willington Public Library.
- **February 8th:** 8th grade parents will be sponsoring a Bingo night at the Willington Hill Fire Department at 24 Old Farms Road to benefit the 8th grade dance, a parent-planned event.

Bingo cards are \$5 per round. There will be a 50/50 raffle during each round of Bingo played and light refreshments will be served. The event begins at 7:00 pm.

- February 23rd: Winter Family Gala - Dress up the family and come on out to HMS for some fun, food, and dancing. The PTA will be sponsoring our second annual Winter Family Gala. \$25 per family. There will be a DJ playing all the good stuff and Photographer getting some fun candid! The PTA will have a concession stand offering hot dogs, chips, and drinks. Cash and Card are both accepted. Doors open at 5:45 pm!
- March 2nd-6th: Read Across America Week! The PTA will be sponsoring a Read-A-Thon to get our students reading. More info to come!
- March 14th: 6pm. PTA Meeting in the Hall School Library

Report Cards:

The second quarter closed on Tuesday, January 23. The parent portal will reopen on Monday, January 29 at 2:45 for you to view your child's report card. Please contact your child's teachers if you have any questions about their grades.

Staffing News:

Mr. Sean Conlin, who taught health and physical education at HMS, resigned his position effective on January 23, 2024. On Monday, January 29, Mr. Victor Hurtuk will fill the role of health and physical education for the remainder of the year. We welcome Mr. Hurtuk to our staff! Please contact me with any questions!

Calendar:

We will have an early release day on Thursday, February 15 for staff development. February 16th is not a school day for students, however, staff has professional development. We will return to school on February 21 after the President's Day holiday break.

Basketball

Our basketball teams finish up their seasons this week. The boys play Vernon away on Friday, January 26th. The girls will be playing Vernon at home on Tuesday, January 30th. The playoffs begin on Monday, February 5. We look forward to seeing if our teams made the playoffs and where they will be seeded.

Thank you and have a great weekend!

Mary Kay Tshonas, Principal

Flyers:

WPS Help Wanted

WPS Budget Workshop Calendar

PTA Winter Gala

March Boston Trip

Spring Camp

WAM Spring Registration