

HALL SCHOOL DIGITAL BACKPACK

October 27, 2023

Monday, October 30	Picture Day
Monday, October 30	Music Monday, Chamber Singers 2:45-4pm, Jazz Band 4:30 - 6pm
Wednesday, November 1	Afterschool Clubs, 2:45-4pm
Monday, November 6	Music Monday, Chamber Singers 2:45-4pm, Jazz Band 4:30 - 6pm
Wednesday, November 8	Afterschool Clubs, 2:45-4pm
Monday, November 13	Music Monday, Chamber Singers 2:45-4pm, Jazz Band 4:30 - 6pm
Wednesday, November 15	Afterschool Clubs, 2:45-4pm
November 21 and 22	Early Dismissal, Parent Conferences
Wednesday, November 23	Early Dismissal
November 24 and 25	No School, Thanksgiving Break

Hello, Hall Families!

Here are some events and reminders for Hall Memorial School:

Parental Awareness

Parents play a very important role in keeping students safe and drug-free. Illegal drugs are being produced to appear very attractive to children, in the form of candies, mints, and oils that have fun, bright packaging and pleasant tastes. Please be aware and vigilant at home regarding the many products available to children. Talk to your child about these products, and monitor any changes in mood, behavior, or friend group. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me in the office or our school nurse, Marcia Panciera. In the coming weeks, we will be partnering with the State Police and other organizations to provide educational activities for our students and their families.

Student Sign-In

When signing students into school if they are tardy or have an appointment, a parent or guardian **MUST** accompany them into the front office to sign them in.

Washington, DC Trip

Our 8th graders will again be venturing to Washington, DC from May 29 - June 1, 2024! The initial deposit of \$169 (\$100 + \$69 insurance fee) is due no later than 10/31/23. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Internet Safety Training – On behalf of the US Attorney’s Office, District of Connecticut and the Department of Children and Families

Tweens and Teens spend many hours per day online chatting and interacting with friends and people who they may not know well and who may put them at risk. To educate parents, teachers and others, the US Attorney’s Office, District of Connecticut, in collaboration with the Department of Children and Families, are offering two FREE OF CHARGE online Internet Safety Trainings. This training will introduce

parents, teachers and others to internet and cell phone applications and video game systems being used by the tweens/teens that could potentially put them at risk. The next training will take place on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Registration is required and available via the flyer that is linked below:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BcptSpfSIjeczCec_2TmVKTLlLDoDSah/view?usp=sharing

Picture Day

School picture day is scheduled for Monday, October 30. Forms and packet information were distributed in school this week for parents to order their packages.

Halloween

Students will be permitted to dress in costumes for Halloween on Tuesday, October 31. We ask that costumes adhere to our School Dress Code and are thematically appropriate for school. Masks are not allowed for security purposes. Full face makeup should be avoided as it can become uncomfortable and distracting as the day progresses.

Veterans' Day

HMS is hosting a school wide assembly to honor our Veterans. This will take place on Friday, November 10. Our band and chorus will perform for veterans at 1:30 in the HMS Gymnasium, followed by grade level question and answer sessions with our local veterans. We invite family members who are veterans to join us! Thank you for your service to our country.

PTA Information

The PTA has many exciting things planned for the next few months:

- October 27th - Trunk or Treat! The weather is going to be beautiful for this exciting night! Held at River Road Athletic complex.
- November 1st - Scripps Fundraiser Kicks off! Order your holiday gift cards
- November 7th - Election Day Bake Sale!
 - [Bakers Needed - Sign up here!](#)
 - [Booth Volunteer Sign Up](#)
- November 9th - PTA Meeting!
- December 4 - 8 (in each school) Holiday Shop
- December 14th - PTA Meeting

Clubs

Clubs have returned to HMS!! We have 93 students who are participating and over 70 who are taking the late bus. We have added a third late bus to reduce the time it takes for students to get home. Thank you for your patience!

Positive Behavior Referrals

HMS has instituted Positive Behavior Referrals to recognize those students who go above and beyond to achieve our core values of Safety, Ownership, Achievement, and Respect. Students who receive positive behavior referrals will receive a special recognition on the front office bulletin board, a formal letter home, a snack voucher, a shout out on the Morning News, and recognition during our quarterly Success Assemblies. We are so proud of our fantastic school citizens!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Proactive and positive communication home are hallmarks of a strong learning community. HMS is holding parent-teacher conferences on Monday, 11/20 and Tuesday, 11/21. We are offering time slots on

Tuesday that will take place in the evening for those families who cannot attend during the course of a school day. Your child's teaching team will send home a notice to you requesting a conference or indicating that they do not feel a conference is necessary at this time. As always, if you would like to meet with your child's teachers, please reach out to set up an appointment.

Coaches

I have **GOOD NEWS!!!** Mr. Ignatius Palumbo has stepped up to coach the Girls' Basketball team this year! He would LOVE support and assistance from anyone willing to help him out.

We are also looking for an assistant coach for the Boys' team and will be needing softball coaches in the spring.

Internet Safety Seminar

HMS and our PTA are sponsoring a virtual informational webinar on Wednesday, November 15 at 7:00 pm on the subject of internet safety. The internet and social media are ever-changing and it is so important to stay informed!

The zoom link is below:

Nov 15, 2023 (Wed) – 7pm Eastern/4pm Pacific

<https://trendmicro.zoom.us/j/98086655528?pwd=QzBISkNSZVICUTFCU1ZySWRocnQ2dz09>

This webinar will focus on the 15 apps that parents need to be aware of and other information regarding accessing social media.

Thank you and have a great weekend!

Mary Kay Tshonas, Principal

Flyers:

HMS Food Drive
PTA Bake Sale
WPL Halloween Movie
WPL Needle Felting Classes
WPL Caterpillar Club
WPL Holiday Craft Fair
WPR Basketball
WPR NYC Trip