

# HALL SCHOOL DIGITAL BACKPACK

November 3, 2023

Monday, November 6	Music Monday, Chamber Singers 2:45-4pm, Jazz Band 4:30 - 6pm
November 7, 8, 9	Girls' Basketball Tryouts, 4:15-5:45pm
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 20 and 21	<b>Early Dismissal, Parent Conferences</b>
Wednesday, November 22	<b>Early Dismissal</b>
November 23 and 24	<b>No School, Thanksgiving Break</b>
Monday, November 27	Music Monday, Chamber Singers 2:45-4pm, Jazz Band 4:30 - 6pm
Wednesday, November 29	Afterschool Clubs, 2:45-4pm
Friday, December 1	<b>Early Dismissal</b>

Hello, Hall Families!

Here are some events and reminders for Hall Memorial School:

## **Washington, DC Trip**

We are beginning the fundraising efforts for our Washington, DC trip. We will be holding a bottle and can drive at HMS on Saturday, December 2, 2023 beginning at 9 am. We will be accepting all redeemable cans and plastic bottles at the back of the school. Please be sure to rinse out the bottles and cans. We will sort them (if necessary) at the school and transport them to the redemption center in Vernon. Unfortunately, we are not able to take glass bottles at this time. A letter with details for 8th grade parents and students will be coming home soon!

## **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! We also encourage staff and students to wear red, white, and blue on November 10. Thank you for your service to our country.

## **PTA Information**

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

- November 1st - Scripps Fundraiser Kicks off! Order your holiday gift cards

The PTA is starting their Fall Gift Card Fundraiser. This will go through Nov 23rd. All gift cards purchased have a percentage which gets sent directly to the PTA for Enrichment funds. The PTA is still looking to sponsor a wish list item for each school and any support is appreciated. Whether you're buying a gift card for your gas or groceries this month or gift cards for your holiday shopping, stop at the Raise Right Link

to see the hundreds of businesses to purchase from first, and support our Willington Kiddos - [Click Here to Start Your Gift Card Order](#)

- 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

### **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, Jr. has stepped up to coach the Girls' Basketball team this year! He would LOVE support and assistance from anyone willing to help him out. Tryouts for Girls' Basketball will be on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (November 7-9) from 4:15-5:45 pm in the gym. Girls interested in trying out for basketball should bring a water bottle and be dressed appropriately for basketball.

### **High School News**

Next Wednesday, November 8th, Windham Tech will be meeting with all 8th grade students to share information about their school and the application process. Students interested in applying to this program are highly encouraged to attend the Open House on Thursday, November 16th from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Applications are due on Friday, December 15th. I will be meeting with all students who indicate interest in the program at the end of next week. If you have any questions or would like more information, please reach out to Kim Tillona: [ktillona@willingtonct.org](mailto:ktillona@willingtonct.org).

### **Important Dates:**

#### ***Arts at the Capitol Theater (ACT):***

- [Open House](#): Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00pm
- Applications due Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

#### ***Agriscience Program at EO Smith:***

- Open House Wednesday, November 8th
- Applications due: Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>
- [EO Smith Agriscience Application Instructions](#)

#### ***Windham Tech:***

- [Open House](#): Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00
- Applications available November 15th
- Applications due: Friday, December 15th

### **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:**

WPS November Menu

HMS Food Drive

HMS Yearbooks on Sale

HMS Book Fair

PTA Scripps Fundraiser

PTA Bake Sale

WPL Thanksgiving Storytime

WPL Needle Felting Classes

WPL Closed Veterans Day

WPL Social Security

WPL Holiday Craft Fair

Pack 82 Info Night

E.O. Smith Agriscience Open House