

HALL SCHOOL DIGITAL BACKPACK

October 6, 2023

Monday, October 9	No School, Columbus Day
Tuesday, October 10	No School, Staff Development
Wednesday, October 11	Afterschool Clubs Begin, 2:45-4pm
Monday, October 16	Music Monday, Chamber Singers 2:45-4pm, Jazz Band 4:30 - 6pm
Wednesday, October 18	Afterschool Clubs, 2:45-4pm
Monday, October 23	Music Monday, Chamber Singers 2:45-4pm, Jazz Band 4:30 - 6pm
Wednesday, October 25	Afterschool Clubs, 2:45-4pm
Monday, October 30	Picture Day
Monday, October 30	Music Monday, Chamber Singers 2:45-4pm, Jazz Band 4:30 - 6pm

Hello, Hall Families!

Here are some events and reminders for Hall Memorial School:

Student dismissal

Due to the need to track trends in illnesses, especially COVID-19, students who are not feeling well MUST be seen by the school nurse prior to dismissal. If your child contacts you from school to be picked up via text message or other personal communication, please contact the nurse's office for them to be seen. Students must be assessed by our school nurse prior to leaving the building.

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.

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. Trainings will take place on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, and 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/1BcptSpfSljcpCec_2TmVKTLlLDoDSah/view?usp=sharing

Curriculum Night

Thank you to all of the parents and guardians who came out on Wednesday evening for our Curriculum Night! Our teachers enjoyed meeting you and sharing all of the exciting content that students will be learning this school year. If you were not able to attend, the presentations are available on our website. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the teaching team or me in the main office!

Picture Day

School picture day is scheduled for Monday, October 30. We will send home information from Lifetouch once it is available to us. Make those haircut appointments now!!

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. I realize that this is far in advance, but I wanted families to have advanced notice.

Veterans' Day

HMS is hosting a school wide assembly to honor our Veterans. This will take place on Friday, November 10. I am working with the local veterans group to provide students with the opportunity to meet in small groups with our veterans. Our band and chorus groups will present a musical performance to end the celebration.

Clubs

Clubs will be returning to HMS and will begin on October 11th. Permission slips have gone home and we should be ready to roll when students return to school on Wednesday. If your child has forgotten to bring in their permission slip, you can email me to provide permission. We cannot let any student stay who does not have permission to do so.

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!

Willington Public Library

The Willington Public Library is celebrating 100 years of service to the town of Willington! There will be a reception from 2 pm until 4 pm in the Community Room of the library complete with speakers, exhibits, music, and refreshments. Come out to celebrate a fixture of our town and share your memories of the library!

Coaches needed

Hall Memorial School currently has no coaching staff for either girls' basketball or softball. We were not able to field soccer teams this season and are in jeopardy of having no interscholastic opportunities for our female students. PLEASE let me know if you know anyone who is interested in helping us ensure that our students have a well-rounded experience in middle school!

Thank you and have a great weekend!

Mary Kay Tshonas, Principal

Flyers:

WPS Substitutes Needed

PTA of Willington Volunteers Needed

PTA of Willington Lyman Orchards Fundraiser

PTA of Willington Trunk or Treat

PTA of Willington Meet the BOE Candidates

HMS Yearbooks for Sale

Willington Workers 4-H

WRPD Basketball

WPRD Jack-O-Lantern Contest

WPL Free Flu Clinic for kids