

HALL SCHOOL DIGITAL BACKPACK

September 22, 2023

Monday, September 25	Music Monday, Chamber Singers 2:45-4pm, Jazz Band 4-4:30pm
Monday, October 2	Music Monday, Chamber Singers 2:45-4pm, Jazz Band 4-4:30pm
Wednesday, October 4	Clubs Begin, 2:45-4pm
Wednesday, October 4	Curriculum Night, 6pm
October 4 - 18	8 th Grade Fundraiser, Lyman Orchards Pies and Cookie Dough
Friday, October 6	Early Dismissal, Staff Development
Monday, October 9	No School, Columbus Day
Tuesday, October 10	No School, Staff Development
Wednesday, October 11	Afterschool Clubs, 2:45-4pm
Monday, October 16	Music Monday, Chamber Singers 2:45-4pm, Jazz Band 4-4:30pm
Wednesday, October 18	Afterschool Clubs, 2:45-4pm
Monday, October 23	Music Monday, Chamber Singers 2:45-4pm, Jazz Band 4-4:30pm
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 4-4:30pm

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/1BcptSpfSljepcCec_2TmVKTLlIDoSah/view?usp=sharing

School-Wide Assembly

We are hosting a school-wide assembly led by Michael's Fana on Wednesday, September 27th. His presentation, called Anatoliah, focuses on anti-bullying, but allows students to take accountability in how they make their own decisions. Students will be assisted in practicing positive self-talk, in focusing on a specific target, and finding an accountability partner to assist them. Students will be encouraged to take a 21 day anti-bullying challenge at the end of the assembly. The assembly will begin at 8:00 am. Parents and guardians are invited to attend. There will only be one assembly due to the cost of hosting more than one presentation. There is more information found on the website. <https://www.anatoliah.com/>. If you are planning to attend the assembly, please arrive at the front office no later than 7:45 am to sign in and we will escort guests to the gymnasium.

Curriculum Night

HMS is hosting Curriculum Night for parents on Wednesday, October 4th beginning at 6:00 pm. Parents will have the opportunity to meet with the core teaching team to learn about the curriculum that will be covered. Unified Arts staff will also provide an overview of their content and goals. A more detailed schedule will be available closer to the event. Ideally, this is a parent/guardian only event.

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 4th. Students will bring home a permission slip if they are choosing to attend. Clubs will run from 2:45 until 4:00 pm. There will be two late buses available for transportation. **If you are interested in running a club, there is a stipend! Please contact me for more information.**

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!

PTA

If you have not already done so, please consider joining the PTA. The PTA works diligently to provide our students with funds to go on field trips, enjoy enrichment activities, and sponsor amazing family events for our school community. The membership form is contained in this Digital Backpack and your child brought a paper copy of the form home as well.

Thank you and have a great weekend!

Mary Kay Tshonas, Principal

Flyers:

2023-2024 School Calendar

WPS Help Wanted

Interscholastic Sports Accident Plan

PTA of Willington Membership

PTA of Willington Volunteers Needed

PTA of Willington Penny Wars

PTA of Willington Lyman Orchards Fundraiser

WPL Fill a Bag Sale

WPL Ollie

WPL Free Flu Clinic for kids