

# Hollifield Herald

Week of 12/14/20

## Important Dates:

**Dec 18** Spirit Day - Stuffed Toy Animal Day

**Dec 22** Spirit Day - PJ Day

**Dec 24** Winter Break begins

**Jan 4** Back to School

**Jan 14** 6:30pm- Rising 6th Grade Parent Orientation

## Instruction the Week of December 21

**During the week of December 21, no asynchronous assignments in content, ELA, math, or related arts will be assigned to students. This includes Dreambox and LexiaCore.**

**Students will have synchronous related arts as scheduled but no asynchronous related arts assignments. Likewise, synchronous social studies instruction will occur on Monday, December 21 for grades K, 2, and 4 and on Tuesday, December 22 for grades 1, 3, and 5; however, there will not be social studies asynchronous follow up lessons.**

## Supporting a Student's Mental Health

How HCPSS Supports Mental Health

HCPSS promotes the mental health and wellness of each of our students to develop their unique strengths, abilities, and characteristics towards success and well-being. Staff consider the variety of factors that impact a student's functioning such as age, cultural background, social emotional skills, academic outcomes, and access to resources.

Visit the website for more information: <https://www.hcpss.org/supports/mental-health-wellness/>

## HCC Kids on Campus:

HCC's well-known Kids on Campus program provides enrichment education for youth ages 8 to 17. Topics range from Art from Around the World, Roblox, Nature Explorers, Math enrichment, World Languages, and SAT Prep. HCC Kids on Campus has something for every interest! This could be a great opportunity for students to supplement around content areas they want to learn more about or need support in! Upcoming available courses can be found [here. \(Links to an external site.\)](#) A limited number of scholarships are available for families who need financial aid. If you believe you may be eligible for financial aid, please complete [this application \(Links to an external site.\)](#) and submit it via email to [NoncreditFinAid@howardcc.edu](mailto:NoncreditFinAid@howardcc.edu) as soon as possible.

## Students attending Patapsco Middle School next year

January 14th at 6:30pm- Rising 6th Grade Parent Orientation: On this night we welcome our rising 6th grade parents to attend our Virtual Orientation to learn about middle school, the 6th grade schedule, and answer any questions about the transition to middle school. We will be meeting at the code PMS-Orientation. Please use your student's username and password (credentials) to access the Google Meet.

We look forward to seeing you at orientation! Go Knights!

## Winter Break Meals Adjustments

Schools will be closed for winter break from Thursday, December 24, through Friday, January 1. To ensure children have access to essential nutrition during the holiday period, families may pick up additional meals in advance of the break. Pre-ordering will not be available for meals picked up December 21-23 or January 4-6.

- [See All Service and Schedule Adjustments](#)

### Previously Shared Information

## 2020-2021 Inclement Weather Protocols

The implementation of virtual instruction has changed the way the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) will manage inclement weather days. In prior years, inclement weather delays and closings have resulted in scheduling challenges and instructional disruption for students, staff and families, as well as unpredictability about when the school year will end.

Click [HERE](#) to see the 20-21 Inclement Weather Protocols on the HCPSS website.

Student Preferred Name - Canvas and Synergy

Beginning the first week of January 2021, students' names on the online learning platforms will be populated with their Preferred Name information that was provided in Synergy/ HCPSS Connect. Preferred Name is a field parents can fill out in Synergy/ HCPSS Connect. This preferred name will display in Google and Canvas. **If you have a preferred name that your student would like to appear on these platforms and addressed by our staff, please confirm their Preferred Name in Synergy/ HCPSS Connect.**

After early January, if your student(s) want to edit their Preferred Name, please reach out to our front office.

## Preventing Youth Suicide

[Preventing Youth Suicide: Tips for Families](#)

[Howard County Health Department: Suicide Prevention Howard County Youth](#)

# PTA Information

## PTA Fundraising Opportunities

It is time for the HSES PTA's first restaurant night of the 2020 school year!

Please help support Hollifield Station by visiting **Kelsey's Restaurant & Irish Pub** (8480 Baltimore National Pike, Ellicott City, Maryland 21043) next **Thursday, December 17** for lunch or dinner, dine-in or to-go! The best part is, you don't need a flyer or to worry about telling your server that you are there to support HSES PTA, because 10% of all sales on that day will come back to the PTA. So please spread the word to your family and friends in the community to help support the school!

If you choose to order to-go, you can order online at <https://kelseyspub.alohaorderonline.com/> or call ahead at 410-418-9076.

Thanks so much, and hope to "see" you there!

HSES PTA

We would love to have you as a member of the PTA. Please visit our e-store to join: <https://hollifieldstationpta.new.memberhub.store/>



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