Hollifield Herald

Week of 9/14/20

Dear HSES Families,

We made it successfully through our first week of school! A big shout out to all of our families and staff for their hard work and commitment to online learning. There were definitely some bumps along the way, but we appreciate the kindness shown to our staff and to our students. As we move forward, it will get easier and easier to navigate this new way of learning. We must allow for grace and patience in all that we do. If you have any questions or concerns, as always, please do not hesitate to reach out to administration or your classroom teacher.

Sincerely, Amanda Wadsworth, Principal Aaron Tark, Assistant Principal & Erin Coleman, Administrative Intern

Important Dates:

Sept 16 Beginning Band & Orchestra Information Night 7:00 p.m. (Information below) Sept 17 Community Conversations with Administration (Information below)

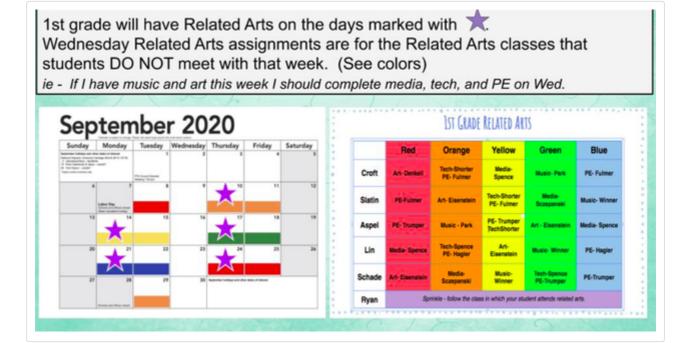
- Two opportunities for a Q & A session 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. & 6:30 7:30 p.m. Sept 22 Virtual Back to School Night
- 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 1st & 2nd Grade

Sept 23 Virtual Back to School Night

- 5:00 5:30 p.m. G/T Math Orientation for students currently enrolled in the 4th and 5th grade G/T Math program.
- 5:30 6:00 p.m. G/T Orientation for K-5 parents (Overview of the whole program)
- 6:00 7:00 p.m. 3rd -5th Grade

What related arts assignments does my child(ren) do?! This is confusing!

Students will not be held accountable for any work in a related arts classes until they meet live with that specific teacher. This will allow the related arts teacher to provide instruction and guidance on the follow up assignment. If students would like to explore and complete lessons before that first class they may, however, it is not required. Always go to your calendar to check for live meetings for the week. In addition, our staff will be posting the following to their ELA pages to support you with the related arts schedule.



Understanding the Canvas Calendar

If you are having trouble with the calendar feature in Canvas, please <u>use this link for a quick</u> <u>tutorial</u>. Students need to have their calendars viewable to ensure they receive the codes for classes. Many students do not have all calendars viewable and/or selected. On the right side of the calendar, you will see your courses and your personal calendar. Each personal, course or group Calendar can be hidden by clicking on the color indicator next to the calendar name. Please note that the Canvas calendar can only display 10 calendars at a time. You do not need to display the Hollifield Station, homeroom, lunch, recess, or health.

Beginning Band and Beginning Orchestra Information Night.

If you are interested in registering your child to play in the band or orchestra or if you just want to find our more information about the programs offered at HSES, please join Mrs. Blackburn virtually on Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm

The Google meet Code is hses-kblackburn-information

Community Conversations with Administration

To support our families and connect as a community, administration will hold our 2nd day of community conversations. We will hold a general session at 11:00 a.m. for all families. The evening session will have an interpreter to support our Spanish speaking families. We will be using the code: HSEScommunityconversation

Due to security and confidentiality reasons, we will not "admit" anyone who is not logged in through their HCPSS account. You can sign in through your student(s)' account. Please see our technology support information below if you are uncertain how to log in and/or how to get your login credentials. We look forward to meeting with you!

Previously Shared Information

Are you experiencing difficulties using the Chromebook and other technology for learning?

After receiving a Chromebook, families can use the directions for <u>connecting a Chromebook</u> to <u>Wi-Fi</u> to connect it to their home network. Students who forget their username or password can use the <u>Account Self Service directions</u> to retrieve their account credentials. A variety of common self-help resources can be found on the <u>Student Technology Resources Canvas</u> <u>community</u>. If you or your child has questions on how to use the technology to access instruction or is having technical issues, please email your child's teacher or school administrator.

Expectations for Virtual Learning

Just as we have expectations when we are in school, there will be expectations for students to attend class and engage with your teachers and peers. Please review these expectations as a family to ensure a highly successful learning experience!

Click <u>HERE</u> to review the expectations for learning.

Student Absences

Please email all student attendance notes <u>hsesabsence@hcpss.org</u> to ensure that your student's lawful absence is marked as excused and they will have the opportunity to make up work. In your email, please include your child's name and grade. Please remember that you have up to 5 days after your child's return to school to submit an absence note. When emailing a note, you will receive an automated message to verify that your email was received. Please do not send attendance notes to your child's teachers. If you have any questions about your child's attendance, please email <u>hsesabsence@hcpss.org</u>.

How do you take attendance?!

Student attendance for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday will occur as follows:

- At the elementary level, both the homeroom teacher and mathematics teacher will take attendance, noting whether students were present online for synchronous instruction.
- A student must attend BOTH the ELA synchronous session and the Math synchronous session to be counted present for a full day.
- If a student attends EITHER the ELA synchronous session or the Math synchronous session he/she will be marked present for a half day.
- If a student DOES NOT attend the ELA synchronous session or the Math synchronous session he/she will be marked absent for the day.

Student attendance for Wednesday instruction will occur as follows:

- A student will be counted as present for Wednesday if they do one or more of the following since the previous Wednesday:
- \circ Submit an assignment to one of their teachers
- Engage in synchronous instruction with an HCPSS teacher
- \circ Complete work in the Canvas learning management system, DreamBox or Lexia Core5

School Meals

The food services program during the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year will consist of Grab-and-Go breakfasts and lunches served Monday through Friday from 8–9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m., beginning Tuesday, September 8.

Breakfast and lunch can be picked up at either meal time. Meals will be provided free of charge for **all students**, subject to USDA funding availability. Hollifield Station Elementary School is a food site and students may access Grab-and-Go meals at HSES.

Additional information regarding food services can be found on the HCPSS website - <u>click</u> <u>here.</u>

Emergency Card Procedures on Family File

HCPSS utilizes <u>Family File</u> for parents/guardians to complete emergency information. Regardless of virtual or in-person learning, parents/guardians must verify and/or update information for each child. Parents/guardians can complete Family File by logging in to <u>HCPSS Connect</u>, selecting the More Options tab on the left, and then selecting Family File in the center column. <u>Family File guides</u> are available online.

Covid-19 Community Testing Sites

Howard County General Hospital is bringing testing for COVID-19 to neighborhoods around Howard County. Advanced registration is strongly encouraged. To learn more or register, visit www.bit.ly/j2bh-testing. For additional assistance call 410-740-7601.

- Sunday, September 13 | 8 11 a.m. at St. John Baptist Church, 9055 Tamar Drive, Columbia
- Saturday, September 19 | 8 a.m. 12 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, 6800 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia
- Saturday, September 26 | 8 11 a.m. at Oakland Mills Interfaith Center, 5885 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia
- Saturday, October 3 | 8 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Guilford, 7504 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia
- Saturday, October 10 | 8 11 a.m. at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 4100 St. John's Lane, Ellicott City
- Sunday, October 25 | 8 11 a.m. at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 4100 St. John's Lane, Ellicott City
- Saturday, October 31 | 10 a.m. 1 p.m. at Celebration Church, 7101 Riverwood Drive, Columbia

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