

Hollifield Herald 9/3/21

Important Dates

September 6th	Schools Closed - Labor Day
September 7th	Schools Closed - Rosh Hashanah
September 13th	6:30 - 7:30 p.m. 1st and 2nd Grade -- Back to School Night
September 14th	6:00 - 7:30 p.m. 3rd - 5th -- Back to School Night GT (6:00 - 6:30 p.m.)
September 16th	Schools closed - Yom Kippur
September 17th	5:30 p.m. - Mt. Hebron and HSES - Viking Night (Information below)

Supports for Students who have to quarantine

- All students in prekindergarten through grade 5 have been/will be provided a packet of grade level instructional materials that cover all content areas including related arts. (Students in the PreK program are to receive their instructional packets on September 2, 2021, and students in grades kindergarten through 5 on or before September 10, 2021.) The packets are only to be used in the event a student needs to quarantine. These packets also will be available via Canvas. The tasks that students complete from the packet will not be used as an assessment or counted toward any part of the students' report card grade.
- Students may also access instructional materials via their teacher's Canvas page. If a student does not possess a device, one will be assigned by the school.
- Students may participate in two weekly 20 minute virtual check-ins with their teacher(s) to ask questions or receive help with reading/language arts and mathematics asynchronous assignments. Scheduling

instructions will be provided by the school.

- Beginning in mid-September, students will have access to virtual tutoring services via the Evening School program.

Information from our Gifted and Talented Team

HSES Gifted and Talented News Instructional Seminars

Instructional seminars are designed to extend student interests beyond general exploratory experiences. G/T Resource Teachers provide advanced-level instruction and schedule these opportunities for interested students. Skill development might include written, oral, and visual communication skills, critical and creative thinking skills, research skills, technology skills, and skills in visual and performing arts. Seminar topics may include consultation with professionals involved in the field of study who provide students with additional instruction and guidance as they engage in product development. Teachers, students, or parents may nominate students to participate in an instructional seminar.

Instructional Seminars (Grades 2-5)

- Designed to develop advanced-level skills in an area of interest for students
- Offerings vary based on the needs and interests of students
- Open to all students regardless of instructional level
- Students self-select based on their interest in the topic
- Students will meet virtually during their recess time one day a week
- Work is often required outside the classroom

2021/2022 Fall Instructional Seminar Course Offerings

To join a seminar, please complete this [Google Form](#) by Friday, October 1.

Grade 2 - Design Squad

Do you like to try and fix things that are broken? Do you sometimes look at everyday objects, toys, gadgets and have ideas about how you could make them better? If so, then Design Squad is the place to put your ideas to the test. In this seminar, students will explore the world of science and engineering to overcome challenges with innovative solutions. Using the engineering process, students will design, build, test and redesign their products in a series of friendly competitions. So, who's Balloon Car is going to go the farthest, the fastest, and the straightest? Are you thinking about it already? This is just one of the challenges you will face in the Design Squad.

Grade 3 Cryptology

?egassem siht daer uoy naC If you liked the challenge of reading that first sentence, then join the Cryptology Seminar. Cryptology is the science of creating and decoding secret messages. In this seminar you'll learn about secret codes, ciphers and the history behind it all. Come discover how problem solving skills and a little bit of math can help you develop your code breaking skills and to design your own unbreakable codes.

Grade 4 Unheard Perspectives Showcase

Students form a team of researchers to learn about an African American innovator. Teams share

their projects with creative presentations.

Grade 5 Earth Force

Take a look outside. Everything you see connects to the Chesapeake Bay. The Earth Force Instructional Seminar will give you an opportunity to learn about life in and around the Bay and how you can help the Chesapeake Bay. Students will also help submit our Green School application to recertify as a sustainable Green School.

New Students - Gifted and Talented Testing

In Fall 2021, we begin using the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) as the ability measure for **all new HCPSS students**. This aligns with both Gifted Education COMAR 13A.04.07 and our existing assessment practices for elementary students. In order to obtain results in a timely manner, we will use the online version of CogAT. The Assessment Office will administer the session remotely while school-based staff will proctor students in person. The schedule for this first testing administration will be as follows:

- September 8 - Verbal
- September 9 - Quantitative
- September 10 - Non-Verbal
- September 13 - Makeups

Girls on the Run Registration is Open: Girls on the Run® inspires girls in grades 3-5 to be joyful, healthy, and confident by using running to teach valuable social-emotional and life skills such as managing emotions, resolving conflict, and setting personal goals. Teams of 15-20 girls meet twice weekly after school for 9 weeks. Each season concludes with the girls and their running buddies completing a non-competitive 5k fun run. The Fall season will start the week of September 19, with the season-ending site-based 5ks scheduled for the weekend of November 13 or 14. Program registration fee is \$165 and includes 5k registration and finisher's medal, water bottle, t-shirt, a cinch sack, journal, grown-up guide, and all program materials. Generous financial assistance is available – no girl is turned away. Visit www.gotrcentralmd.org to register. Call 443-583-7740 or e-mail info@gotrcentralmd.org.

Message from Band & Strings

Future Viking Night

Friday September 17, 2021

Who: All HSES band and strings students

Meet at 5:30PM

Where: Band Room (Room 133)

Cost: Free for students; Parent admission \$5

Volunteers

Volunteers, please follow the procedures for volunteering in our school. Also, see responses from the County regarding frequently asked questions. Go [HERE](#) to see all volunteer requirements.

- [Will parents and other visitors entering the school be required to show proof of vaccination or testing?](#)
- [Will school volunteers who work with students be required to show proof of vaccination or testing?](#)

Homework Guidelines -- <https://www.hcpss.org/academics/homework-guidelines/>

Grading

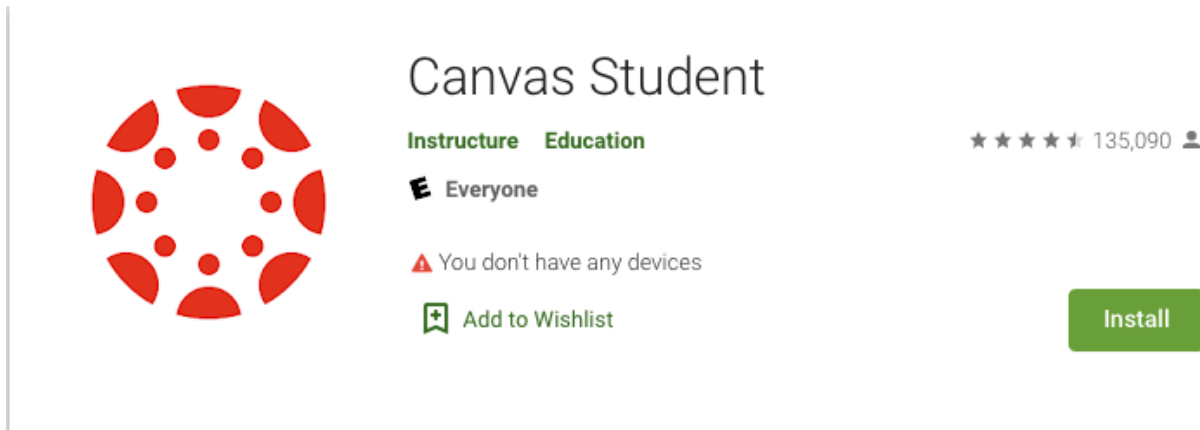
Most grades will be posted through our teacher Canvas pages. However, please know that some grades that teachers collect are observational and anecdotal. As a result, Canvas will not reflect all grades collected. Should a teacher have any concerns, they will inform the parent prior to the quarterly report card.

Families of 1st Grade Students

Please send in your students' Chromebooks! Students in K and 1st will be using shared Chromebooks, and will receive their own personal Chromebook later in the year. We appreciate your support of this collection effort! Please contact the principal if you have any questions at amanda_wadsworth@hcpss.org.

Canvas App

At our new student orientation (PPT below), we shared a resource that is a useful tool for families. The Canvas student App allows families to easily review schedules, homepages and announcements from teachers. This is an optional tool, but as a parent, I have found it to be very helpful.



New Student Orientation PPT --

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1LuRGRwEohMWfReHeqHcboETAWLoltggLjQZICE9nbnY/edit?usp=sharing>

Cafeteria Plexiglass

Some families requested a visual of the plexiglass set up in our cafeterias. Please see below.

