



The local newsletter featuring Hastings Middle School happenings.
Connecting, informing, & celebrating our HMS community.

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GOOD NEWS

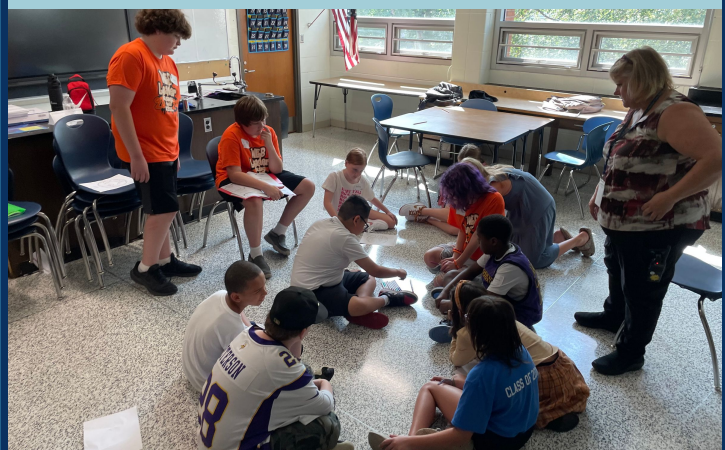
Students without an “unexcused tardy” to any class in January recently spent reward time as a grade level in our cafeteria. Students listened to music and were able to pick one treat and one drink while spending fun time with their peers.

Last week, 7th graders participated in a “Courage Retreat” off campus. The highlight of the day was seeing students show their courage and share individual statements with their peers.

Each month 10 students are nominated by their teachers from each grade level for having a positive impact on their peers and HMS as a whole. We will continue to highlight students who are making HMS a great place to grow!

6th Graders who have no missing assignments were eligible to be chosen for a student vs. staff basketball game. All students will have the opportunity to participate in an upcoming floor hockey game if all assignments are turned in.

PARENT PARTNERSHIP



A hallmark of any dynamic education is a strong partnership between home and school. We encourage you to visit & connect at HMS!

TOURS, LUNCH, VOLUNTEERS:

We welcome you to take a classroom tour, have lunch with your child, and/or volunteer at HMS. Please contact Interim Principal Trent Hanson to schedule a time to come to campus at 651-480-7060 or thanson@isd200.org.

PTA: The Parent-Teacher-Association needs you and your energy! The next meeting is February 13th at 6:30 in the HMS cafeteria. The PTA leads the book fair, Raider Cove, teacher appreciation, and more. Contact PTA President Jessica Monson with interest at jmonson@isd200.org.



STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Students are encouraged to get involved in HMS clubs & activities! To see a complete list of co-curricular student opportunities, visit the HMS website [HERE](#).

Spring Play auditions are February 13-14!
Book Club is every Thursday after school at 2:45pm in Room 123!

Spring sports registration opens soon. Sports offered a boys and girls track and field (gr 5-8), boys tennis (gr 5-8), boys swimming (gr 5-8), and boys and girls whiffle ball (gr 7-8). For more HMS athletics information click [HERE](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS

5th graders will be heading to Buck Hill on Friday, February 9th for a day of skiing or tubing.

Parent/Teacher conferences are on Thursday, February 29th from 4:30-8:30 pm and Friday, March 1st from 8:30am-3:30pm. Conferences will be virtual but you can request in person conferences. *The sign up link for conferences will be sent out on Thursday, February 15th.*

The Reading MCA for grades 5-8 will occur on April 16th and 17th. The Math MCA for grades 5-8 will occur on April 23rd and 24th. Science MCAs for grades 5 and 8 will occur in science classes on May 1st and 2nd.

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COUNSELING CORNER

Welcome to the start of the second semester! Regular conversations and check-ins with your child regarding their grades contribute to their academic success. The new semester is a great opportunity to reconnect with Schoology and check your child's grades. If you are not connected with Schoology, please email [Lori Marsh](#). Another great strategy is to sit next to your child and have them show you their progress.

Important news for our 8th graders! High school registration is right around the corner. Click [here](#) to find registration information. If you have questions don't hesitate to reach out to [Mrs. Latch](#) or your child's high school counselor.

Lastly, we have seen an increase in the engagement of inappropriate online communication. This is a great chance to connect with your child about their online presence and discuss safe and responsible use of the internet and social media. Click [here](#) for an article with more information.

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