

/////Message from the Principals

Good luck on NWEA!!

Have a great week!

- <u>Picture Day-</u> HMS will be having picture day on **Monday**, **February 22**nd and **Friday**, **February 26**th. Time slots have been designated based on which cohort you are in.
 - o If you are in the **BLUE COHORT**, you will get your picture taken during your exploratory hour on **Monday 2/22** while you are here for in-person instruction.
 - o If you are in the GOLD COHORT, you will get your picture taken during your exploratory hour on Friday 2/26 while you are here for in-person instruction.
 - If you are in the **VIKING COHORT**, your parents have been sent information on how to sign you up for a time slot on either day.
- **8th Grade Baby Pictures** The last day to submit 8th grade baby pictures for the yearbook is **FRIDAY!** Send baby pictures to hmsyearbook@haslett.k12.mi.us. In the subject line, please include "your name, 8th grade baby picture".

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- **NWEA Testing-** On **Wednesday**, **February 17**th, all HMS students will be taking the NWEA reading test with their Viking Time classes. Note: these times are a change from your normal Viking Time schedule.
 - o 7th grade testing 7:40 AM 9:32 AM
 - o 6th grade testing 9:37 AM -11:26 AM
 - o 8th grade testing 12:28 PM 2:20 PM
- **8th Grade ELA Books** Starting **Monday**, **February 22**, all 8th-grade students need to drop off their copy of *My Brother Sam Is Dead* and pick up their copy of *The Giver*. Blue and Gold Cohort students can exchange their books in their ELA classes. Viking Cohort students can stop by the middle school any day from **6:30-2:15** to exchange books in the office. You will start reading *The Giver* on **Monday**, **March 1**. Please pick up the new book by **Friday**, **February 26**, so you're ready to start reading on time.

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- Builder's Club- Builders Club worked hard this fall to learn to make fleece no-sew blankets to donate to people in our community! Last week, we donated 32 blankets to Senior Citizens in our community. It is never too late to join Builders Club. If you are interested in participating, please email Ms. DeGraw (degrawlm@haslett.k12.mi,us) to join! We meet on a couple Wednesdays a month from 2:30-3:00. We would love for you to join!
- <u>New Rotations</u>- 6th and 7th graders will have exploratory rotation changes next Monday, February 22nd.
 - o **6th Grade** 2nd hour and 5th hour
 - o **7th Grade** 6th hour

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- **Self-Esteem Group** At HMS we are forming a self-esteem small group that meets weekly to learn about ways to support a healthy self-esteem in ourselves and others. Mrs. Boldman and Mrs. Rybicki will jointly facilitate the group with activities and positive discussions. This group will run for approximately 6-8 weeks and will meet weekly on Wednesdays on Zoom. The discussions in this group will be kept confidential, however this group is not therapeutic in nature and should not replace mental health care with a counselor or therapist. If a student is interested in joining this group, please complete this **survey**. More information will be provided to interested students.
- **Ele's Group** Ele's group is designed to help students who have experienced the death of someone significant in their lives. This group will meet weekly on Zoom. If a student has experienced the death of a loved one (either recently or a long time ago), they may be having a hard time processing their feelings and might be interested in participating in this virtual support group run by an Ele's Place staff member and Mrs. Rybicki. The discussions in this group will be kept confidential, however this group is not therapeutic in nature and should not replace mental health care with a counselor or therapist. If a student is interested in joining the Ele's Group, please complete this **survey**. More information will be provided to interested students.

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• GSA (Gay-Straight Alliance): The next GSA Club meeting will be this Thursday, February 18 at 2:30. GSA meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. All students, staff, family, and friends are welcome to share a safe space and celebrate and support the AWESOME in all of us!! Zoom link is below:

https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/72380671484?pwd=MzF5bFFHaGRsVDlX UmlvL2Q4aW5yQT09

Meeting ID: 723 8067 1484

Passcode: ai9SW2

• Meridian Youth Ice Fishing Derby: Sunday February 21 (11:00am-1:00pm or 1:30-3:30pm) at Lake Lansing Park South. Due to Covid 19 Restrictions, the township can only program for 11 kids w/adult per session (1 kid and 1 adult per family). Register online (cost is \$10.00/1 child only) Parent must purchase a fishing license, if they wish to fish. No experience necessary and prizes will be awarded! Contact Mr. Pineda if you have any questions or want more information, pinedab@haslett.k12.mi.us

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Upcoming Events to Know About



7/17 NWEA Testing

New Rotations!

6th Grade- 2nd hour & 5th hour

7th Grade- 6th hour

2/22

Picture Day

Blue Cohort and Viking Cohort

2/26

Picture Day

Gold Cohort and Viking Cohort

This Week's Birthdays

- Colin Booms- Tuesday 2/16
- Jackson Duck-Tuesday 2/16
- Jordan Duck-Tuesday 2/16
- Alayna Martin-Tuesday 2/16
- Jackson Budd- Wednesday 2/17
- Adam Ketema- Thursday 2/18
- Haven Nico- Thursday 2/18
- Nichole Heeschen- Friday 2/19
- Cameron Wakeford- Friday 2/19
- Kristofer Meingast- Saturday 2/20
- Gabrielle Asher- Sunday 2/21
- Reagan Campbell- Sunday 2/21
- Asher Fackler- Sunday 2/21
- Kendall Nash- Sunday 2/21
- Naomi Pumford- Sunday 2/21
- Hannah Tran- Sunday 2/21



Quote of the Week

"IF YOUR
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- Richard Branson

