



Haslett Middle School

Newsletter

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Principal's Message



We are so proud of the daily attendance and participation of our HMS students during remote learning. We have enjoyed visiting our students and teachers and watching them engage in various teaching and learning activities. We want to remind students to keep their zoom videos on during class time to take full advantage of the teacher's instruction, to use their own name on the video for attendance purposes, and NOT to share zoom links with students who are not in their class. We know all our Vikings will follow these expectations and will have a successful learning experience. Attached are this week's FAQ's. Please reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns. Have a wonderful weekend!

Yearbooks and Planners



Yearbooks and planners are in! They can be picked up next **Friday, September 25th** at the middle school from 9am-2pm. You can drive through either one of the parking loops to pick them up. If you are unable to pick them up on that day, please notify the office to arrange another time.

NWEA Testing



On **Wednesday, September 23rd** and **Wednesday, September 30th**, all HMS students will be taking the NWEA reading and math tests in their Viking Time classes. Viking Time teachers will guide students through the log-in process and have them ready to independently take the test. This test is not graded. Students' results allow our teachers to tailor their instruction to meet whole-group as well as individual needs. Please have your student ready for testing on their school issued Chromebook on the following days:

- **7th grade testing 7:40 AM - 9:32 AM***
- **6th grade testing 9:37 AM -11:26 AM***
- **8th grade testing 12:28 PM - 2:20 PM***

*note this change from the normal Viking Time schedule.

The attached documents will help your student be successful with the test administration: [Parent letter](#) and [Student Testing Tips](#).



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Technical Difficulties?



For questions regarding the content of a class, i.e., lessons, assignments, activities, please contact the **teacher of the course**. For questions regarding technical support on a district issued device, or requests for hotspots or Chromebooks, please email: support@haslett.k12.mi.us.

LINKS



We are excited to announce that LINKS will continue to be part of our community at Haslett Middle School for the 2020/2021 school year! Our LINKS program has grown, and we don't want to stop the momentum! The program will look different this year with virtual school. Please see the attached flyer for more information and the LINKS application.

be nice.



The Haslett Middle School be nice. chapter is starting again this year. We will continue to promote the be nice curriculum (Notice, Invite, Challenge, Empower) in our school and will meet monthly virtually after school. This is a great opportunity to meet new friends and advocate for good mental health. Please fill out [this form](#) if you would like to join or want to stay in the group from last year. The form is due by **October 8th**.

PALS



Attention students who were in PALS (Peer Assisted Leaders) last year. Mrs. Rybicki will be contacting you to see if you are interested in participating again this year. There are lots of activities where we need kind, caring, compassionate leaders, even in the virtual environment. Please look for an email from Mrs. Rybicki. If you are interested in joining PALS this year but were not a PAL in the past, please complete [this application](#). Not all students will be chosen to become a PAL. Applications are due **Friday, October 23rd**.

Ele's Place – Grief Support Group



Again, this year, Haslett Middle School will be partnering with Ele's Place, a healing center for grieving children and teens, to bring you an 8-week grief support group. See [this flyer](#) for more information.



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Builder's Club



Builder's Club is a club that allows students to be involved with community service projects, gain leadership skills, and have fun with old and new friends. Our goal is to find ways to support our school and community. Some ways include volunteering at the Bike Safety Rodeo, making blankets for children in the hospital and making valentine cards for residents at Burcham Hills.

This year, we may have to re-imagine how we can meet as a club and support our school and community. We will still meet 1-2 times a month! Please see the attached flyer for more information!

Securly



Haslett Public Schools is using securly filtering to keep students safe on their school-issued Chromebooks devices. As part of our commitment to your student's safety, we are giving you access to the free Securly Home app. As a parent, you can use this app to stay on top of your child's online activity. The Securly Home app will allow you to:

- Receive weekly email reports with a snapshot of your child's Internet activity.
- Block specific categories like social media and gaming on your child's school device when it's at home.
- Receive flagged activities related to self-harm or bullying for your child.
- Set offline schedules for your child's Internet like dinner and bedtime.

The Securly Home app is available from the App Store and Google Play. Watch for an email from Securly with information about downloading the app and logging into your Securly Home account.

Helpful Links for Online Learning



- Click [HERE](#) for a great video tutorial submitted by a parent that helps you adjust your microphone volume on your Chromebook.
- Click [HERE](#) for a back to school care package with helpful tips and activities that you can optionally do with your child.