



Haslett Middle School

Newsletter

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From the Principal



There will be **NO SCHOOL Wednesday, November 25th - Friday, November 27th** for **Thanksgiving Break**. School will resume virtually on Monday, November 30th. We wish all our students and families a wonderful, safe, and relaxing break. We are thankful for everyone in our HMS community.

Thanksgiving Meal Service



The district will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on **November 25, 26, and 27th**. Meal distribution days will be slightly different during this week. **Monday, November 23**, we will distribute meal packs that will include 7 days of meals and there will be no meal service on Thursday, November 26th. This day the meal pack will be available at the high school in the front drive from **3 p.m. to 6 p.m.** Meal service will resume its regular two-day schedule again on **Monday, November 30th**.

All children 18 years and younger are eligible for free breakfast and lunch. Meals do not have to be preordered, children do not have to be present to pick up meals and no identification is necessary. You do not need an approved meal assistance application to receive meals. Meal pick-ups at the high school every Monday and Thursday from 3-6pm.

Blondie Barn Thanksgiving Meal



Blondie's Barn will be hosting a Thanksgiving meal, hoping to serve those who may otherwise go without. The event will be held from **noon – 2 p.m.** on Thanksgiving, **Thursday, November 28th**, at Blondie's Barn, 5640 Marsh Road in Haslett.

All are welcome to participate in this community event, and no pre-registration is required. The event is free, but anyone wishing to make a donation can contribute to the Haslett Food Pantry. To help mitigate the spread of Covid-19, pre-packaged dinners will be served curbside in the parking lot. Guests are asked to wear a mask while picking up meals.



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Mask Design Contest



Calling all HMS artists! HMS Student Council is looking for YOU to design a mask for our student body! The HMS theme this year is “One Team One Family: Unity is Strength”. What does that look like to you? Create a drawing design that you think demonstrates this theme for our HMS student population that could be printed on a mask and available for the student body to purchase in the future. Post a picture of your design (maximum of 2 entries) [HERE](#) by 11/30.

On November 30th, the HMS student council will vote on the top 5 designs from the submissions. After that, the whole student body will vote on the winner. Remember, our school also focuses on Haslett PRIDE, Grit, and Perseverance, those could be included in your design in some way as well! We can't wait to see what wonderful talent we have here at HMS!

Science Olympiad



While this year looks different than others, it won't stop us from doing science! Science Olympiad (SciOly) is for students who want to learn and engage in science topics beyond those taught in class. Competitions this year will be virtual, and tests will be given on a variety of topics.

There are two SciOly opportunities available this year. First, the monthly challenges, where students work on their own without assistance of coaches; a great way to for kids to be engaged on their own terms! Second, the HMS SciOly team where students work with a partner and with the help of coaches, on a certain topic until our competition in March. [Click here](#) for a more in-depth explanation of the two opportunities. Zoom Team Practice will be **Mondays from 2:30-3:30pm**. Contact Mrs. Parks with any questions, parksjr@haslett.k12.mi.us

Food Drive



HMS is extending the deadline for the Food Drive! We will be collecting non-perishable food donations for the Haslett Community Food Bank through **December 8th**. All food donations can be dropped off in the marked containers outside the main office. Cash donations or checks made out to “Haslett Food Pantry” are also accepted and appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact HMS counselor, Amanda Rybicki at rybickap@haslett.k12.mi.us.



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Yearbook



Calling for Yearbook pictures! We are interested in starting to collect yearbook pictures for this school year. We could use pictures of students learning from home, participating in any school functions, wacky pictures of our spirit week, and interesting ways that students have planned breaks throughout the day.

We are also looking for creative, responsible and organized 6th, 7th and 8th graders to join our Yearbook Staff. Students will collect and organize snapshots of our 2020-21 school year. Even though the yearbook may be smaller this year, we will put together a memorable time capsule for our Vikings about this unique time to highlight the grit and strength that “Viking Strong” embodies. All interested students will need to complete the [Yearbook Application](#) any time before **November 30th**.

8th Grade Baby Pictures



We are looking for baby pictures of all our 8th graders to include in the yearbook. This has always been a favorite section to put together. Pictures should be candid, and **no professional pictures will be accepted due to copyright laws**.

Please send baby pictures to hmsyearbook@haslett.k12.mi.us (no hard copies should be sent to the office). In the subject line, please include “student’s name, 8th grade baby picture”.

Middle School Virtual Play



This year’s middle school play is open to all 7th and 8th grade students. Please see this [VIDEO](#) from Mrs. Valla or click [HERE](#) to view the flyer which contains helpful information, audition material and the timeline. Students can also find this information in the HMS Play Google Classroom: Join with the code **ycflbbb**. Information about the Tech Crew will be available in January.

New 8th Grade Rotation



Unless your 8th grade student is in a year-long exploratory class (band, choir, foreign language), they will start their new 1st exploratory rotation on **Monday, November 23rd** and their new 4th hour rotation on **Tuesday, November 24th**. These classes are listed as 2T on their schedule.