



Haslett Middle School

Newsletter

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From the Principal



Beginning next week, we will be sending home student progress reports to all our HMS families. These reports will come to you weekly and include your child's current grade and attendance record. We hope these reports are informative and helpful. If you have any questions, please speak to your child first checking Skyward and Google Classroom together. Your conversation can also include their attendance and engagement on synchronous zoom sessions, time management, study habits, technology, and any ways they have reached out to their teachers or other HMS support staff. If you have additional questions, please reach out to your student's teacher(s), our school counselor, MTSS coach, or administrators. We are all more than happy to help and support our students on their academic journeys.

Attendance



Attendance is taken for each class based on the following: synchronously attending a class, turning in an assignment, or a two-way email or phone communication between the teacher and student about classwork. Teachers will take attendance daily and mark a student absent if they did not do any of the above-mentioned tasks. The absence will be deleted if the student turns in the day's assignment or has a two-way communication with the teacher. If you or your student notice a mistake in the attendance, please email the teacher directly to request a correction.

Did you Know?



Did you know all our weekly newsletters and weekly student announcements are posted on the HMS website? Both useful tools are full of important information for students and parents at HMS! Click the following links to check out the [Weekly Newsletters](#) and [Student Announcements](#) on the HMS website!

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 students have spent their breaks throughout the day.



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8th Grade Baby Pictures



We are looking for baby pictures of our 8th graders to include in the yearbook. 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”.

Harry Potter Club



11:00 am to 11:25 am starting **December 16th**. Please click [HERE](#) for more information!

Harry Potter Club is starting soon! It is open to all students and you don’t need to be a Harry Potter fan to join! Beginning Wednesday, **December 9th**, a new set of activities will be available to everyone through Google Classroom every week. Meetings will begin virtually every other Wednesday from 11:00 am to 11:25 am starting **December 16th**. Please click [HERE](#) for more information!

Science Olympiad



will be given on a variety of topics.

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

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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Chromebook Issues & Support



If you are getting disconnected or are experiencing freezing, choppy and/or lagging video/audio during Zoom or Google Meet sessions, please try the suggestions below to improve performance:

- ✓ Reboot your Chromebook regularly (in between classes) and shut down completely when not in use.
- ✓ Close all browser tabs except for the active Zoom/Google Meet tab.
- ✓ Do not use background blur or virtual backgrounds.
- ✓ Try [clearing the cache](#) and [updating the Chrome OS](#) on the Chromebook.
- ✓ Move closer to your Internet router when using the Chromebook.
- ✓ Purchase a *USB 3.0 to Ethernet Network Adapter* (approx. \$15) along with a *Cat 6 Ethernet Cable* (approx. \$8) and plug the Chromebook directly into your Internet router (search for these on Amazon or other retail websites/stores).

Chromebook Audio Issues

To learn how to quickly adjust the speaker volume and/or microphone level, watch this 40-second [Chromebook Audio Settings](#) video.

Chromebook Won't Power On

If your Chromebook won't turn on, even when plugged into the charger, you may be able to fix it by performing a hard reset. This short video demonstrates how to [perform a hard reset](#) on your Chromebook.

Students and parents experiencing technical issues with the district-issued Chromebook may contact the technology department help desk at: support@haslett.k12.mi.us or 517-339-7400, option 1.