



Haslett Middle School

Newsletter

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From the Principal



We have one week before our winter break begins. We are encouraging our students to finish this year strong by attending all classes and turning in completed assignments. We know there have been many challenges this year and we are so proud of our staff and students. Just a reminder, there will be **NO SCHOOL** from **Monday, December 21st** through **Friday, January 1st** due to winter break. Classes will resume on **Monday, January 4th, 2021**. We hope everyone enjoys the holiday season with their families.

Cohorts



Letters were sent home this week indicating family selections for the hybrid learning plan. Based on parental selections, students were assigned to one of three cohorts (Viking, Blue, or Gold). Unfortunately, we are not able to switch students between the Blue and Gold (hybrid) cohorts due to social distancing and balancing classes. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Teacher Gifts



While teacher gifts are never expected, we have received many questions from parents about how to get gifts to teachers over the holiday season. If you have a gift for a teacher or staff member, you are welcome to drop it off to the Haslett Middle School on weekdays from **7am-2pm** and we will be sure to get it to them. Just ring the doorbell when you arrive, and we will be happy to meet you at the door.

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.



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Harry Potter Club



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! Meetings will begin virtually every other Wednesday from 11:00 am to 11:25 am starting **December 16th**. Please click [HERE](#) for more information!

HMS News Crew



The HMS News Crew is a brand-new club full of creative 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Each month they will publish reviews, short stories, recipes, challenges, and much more. Student writers write the articles, student editors help fix and spiffy it up, and then student graphic designers place the articles and design the website. Students can access the link in their ELA Google Classroom page or in the Monday Announcements Slideshow. Enjoy the articles in our very first issue that is published today, **Friday, December 11th**.

8th Grade Baby Pictures



We are looking for baby pictures of our 8th graders to include in the yearbook. Pictures should be candid and should be only of the individual rather than a group. **Professional pictures will NOT 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".

Important Meal Service Dates



On **Thursday, December 17th**, the Food Service Department will distribute meal packs that will include 7 days of breakfast and 7 days of lunch. This 7-day meal pack will be available at the front parking lot of Haslett High School from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The district will be closed beginning **Friday, December 18th**. The Food Service Department will resume its regular two-day distribution schedule (Monday's & Thursday's) on **Monday, January 4th, 2021**.

If you have any questions, please call Kristy Paul at 517-706-5017.