



## Haslett Middle School

### Newsletter

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#### From the Principal

##### PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Happy New Year! We hope that you had a wonderful winter break! As we begin 2021, we are busy preparing for our transition to our Hybrid Model. **Please note, until we move to the [Hybrid Model](#), our current HMS [Online Schedule](#) will remain in place.** You should have received an email from both our Superintendent as well as from us regarding the hybrid transition process. For our students who will be returning to in-person instruction, parents are **required** to fill out either the electronic [HPS Screening Agreement Google Form](#) or print a hard copy of the [HPS Screening Agreement](#) and return it to us prior to our hybrid implementation. Students attending in-person instruction and their parents should familiarize themselves with our [Haslett Middle School's Covid-19 Safety Protocols and Expectations](#) before returning to school. We will be sharing the Covid-19 Safety Protocols and Expectations to students through student announcements and Viking Time lessons. For our students who will be remaining online for instruction, this form does not need to be completed. We will be organizing building tours for our 6th grade students and students who are new to Haslett. More information will be coming about this and our Hybrid Model implementation

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Health Test

##### Attention: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents

The mandatory High School Health Test for all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students is quickly approaching! Please have your students continue to work on viewing the lessons and filling out the study guide. Students should have already signed up for their first two test dates in their science classes. They chose from the following test dates:

- **Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**- 7:40 am-8:30 am or 1:00 pm-2:00 pm
- **Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**- times TBD
- **Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**- times TBD.

There will be **online review sessions held the day before each of the test dates from 2:30 - 3:30 pm**. The Zoom link is posted under the "Classwork" tab of the Health Google Classroom for students to join on both the review and test day. Please contact Mrs. Pringle at the Middle School if you have any questions [pringlcr@haslett.k12.mi.us](mailto:pringlcr@haslett.k12.mi.us).



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### End of Semester Schedule



Mark your calendars! During the last week of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester, **January 18 through January 22**, all secondary students (grades 6-12) will follow the schedule listed below. We do not have school on Monday, 1/18. On Tuesday, 1/19, students will have all six classes asynchronously (with the exception of Viking Time). Wednesday, 1/20 through Friday, 1/22, students will participate in two classes per day. Some classes will be taking exams and/or assessments, some classes will have regular instruction. Teachers will be sharing with students both the schedule and what class work will be done during that week. Monday, January 25, will be the first day of our second semester.

Monday, 1/18	Tuesday, 1/19	Wednesday, 1/20	Thursday, 1/21	Friday, 1/22
MLK Day No School	Follow Normal <b>Wednesday</b> Schedule	<b>5th Hour</b> 8:30am- 10:00am	<b>1st Hour</b> 8:30am- 10:00am	<b>3rd Hour</b> 8:30am- 10:00am
	<b>Hours 1-6</b> <b>plus Viking</b> <b>Time</b>	<b>6th Hour</b> 10:30am- 12:00pm	<b>2nd Hour</b> 10:30am- 12:00pm	<b>4th Hour</b> 10:30am- 12:00pm

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Baby Pictures



Please send 8<sup>th</sup> grade baby pictures for the yearbook to [hmsyearbook@haslett.k12.mi.us](mailto: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”.

Pictures should be candid and should be only of the individual student. Professional pictures will NOT be accepted due to copyright laws.

### Boys and Girls Basketball



The tentative plan for boys’ basketball is to re-start practices on **Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**. An updated game schedule will be posted to the Google Classroom as well as the HMS website. Spectators will be limited at games and must be on a pre-approved list to attend.

Girls’ basketball tryouts are tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>** and **Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**.



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#### Football



Attention all 8<sup>th</sup> graders interested in playing high school football. The Haslett Football Program is in the process of gathering player information for the 2021 season. If you are interested in playing high school football, we ask that you fill out this [Google Form](#). The information will be used to communicate with parents and athletes on football related activities and introductory football zoom meetings. Please contact Coach Fisher with any questions: [fisheraj@haslett.k12.mi.us](mailto:fisheraj@haslett.k12.mi.us).

#### Tips for Parents



Below are some ideas from our HMS Social Worker, Mrs. Boldman, to help parents get their child back on track with routines and back to school learning:

1. Reconnect with your child each morning. Yes, I know you have middle schoolers, but having a moment to connect with them each morning so they can start their day off positively will go a long way! They may say they don't want you around, but believe me, they do.
2. Organize. Help them organize their space. It's a learning experience together, particularly with online learning. Help them make a list daily of items to do until they can do it independently.
3. Practice positive affirmations with your child. It can be as simple as "You will have a great day today!" or "You are doing great, keep it up". Again, even though they may scoff at you a bit, inside it does brilliant things for their sense of security and confidence.
4. Set the stage for a positive outcome. If you can, engaging the 5 senses can be helpful. Candles, music etc. can help for a better learning environment. You know your child, so accommodate as needed.
5. Practice and rehearse. Notice what works and what doesn't. Talk about it with your child and adjust as needed.

Feel free to reach out to our school social worker, Sarah Boldman, for support.  
[boldmase@haslett.k12.mi.us](mailto:boldmase@haslett.k12.mi.us)

#### Attachments

- MSU Phycological Clinic Flyer
- High School Football Flyer