



Haslett Middle School

Newsletter

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Mid-Winter Break



There will be no school tomorrow, **Friday, February 12th** or **Monday, February 15th** for our mid-winter break. Enjoy your 4-day weekend with your family!

Principal's Message

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Our first week of Hybrid went very well. It was so good to see our students in the hallways and see their smiling eyes above their masks! Student drop off for both buses and cars also went very well. We truly appreciate all the efforts our families, students, and staff have made to get our Hybrid model off and running so smoothly!

A couple Hybrid reminders:

- Teachers will post in their team [Weekly Learning Planner](#) how instruction will happen on days there will be in-person instruction. Some teachers will have students Zoom in for instruction the entire hour or for a quick check in. Some will have students do the work posted on Google Classroom asynchronously.
- Your child should follow their daily schedule and do classwork during the scheduled class period. Maintaining a regular schedule and routine is helpful in keeping up with assignments.
- Students are encouraged to contact teachers during office hours if they have questions or need help on class assignments. Office hours are posted on the Hybrid schedule.
- We encourage you to regularly check our HMS website and this Weekly Newsletter for Hybrid updates, reminders, and schedules.

We appreciate partnering with you to ensure the success of all our students! Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions.

Picture Day



Haslett Middle School will be holding picture day on **Monday, February 22nd** and **Friday, February 26th**. Time slots have been designated based on which cohort your child is in.

- The **BLUE COHORT** will get their pictures taken on **Monday 2/22** while they are here for in-person instruction.
- The **GOLD COHORT** will get their pictures taken on **Friday 2/26** while they are here for in-person instruction.
- Students in the **VIKING COHORT** have been sent information on how to sign up for a time slot on either day.

Pictures can be ordered at [Mylifetouch.com](https://mylifetouch.com) using the Picture Day ID: **EVT9H3S8M**.



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NWEA Testing



On **Wednesday, February 17th**, all HMS students will be taking the NWEA reading test with 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 at the following times:

- **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

Please use these [Student Testing Tips](#) to help your student be successful with the test administration.

HMS Student Drop-Off/Pick-Up



In an effort to spread the students out, student drop-off will look a little different this year. The door students will enter through will depend on which "zone" their 1st hour of the day is (1st hour in the am and 4th hour in the pm). Please use [THIS MAP](#) to see which zone your student should enter through or watch this [helpful video](#).

If you are dropping your student off at school, please be sure to use the student drop off loop (entrance across from Ralya playground). The Bus loop is for busses ONLY. Please be sure to pull up as far as you can to drop off your student and make sure to remain in your vehicle.

7th and 8th Grade Girls Basketball



If your 7th or 8th grader is interested in participating in girls' basketball this year, please [CLICK HERE](#) to get more info and fill out an interest survey. Tryouts will be held on **March 4th** and **March 5th**. Times will be posted closer to these dates in Google Classroom.

Students **MUST** have a current [physical](#) on file in the office to participate in assessments. Last year's physical can also be used if there is a current [Health Questionnaire](#) on file. All students will also need an [Athletic Waiver](#). Required forms are also posted on the HMS website under cocurricular activities/athletics.

Middle School Play



Our Haslett Middle School students have been preparing for our production this year and are happy to share our final product on **February 19th** at **7:30pm!** Come check out what these crazy pirates and fairytale characters have been up to! The link to the play is coming soon! Donations are welcome in place of ticket sales. To donate, please use this link:

<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/HaslettChoirBoosters>



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Yearbook News



Yearbooks are ready to order!! There is a flyer attached with directions to order online.

We are still accepting 8th grade baby pictures until next **Friday, February 19th** for the yearbook. A list was given to Viking Time teachers of individuals that did not submit a picture. Please feel free to send them to hmsyearbook@haslett.k12.mi.us.

We also need pictures to fill some different pages this year. If you have pictures of your student(s) learning at home, please send them our way! We will be taking pictures of students in the building, but we want to see what ALL students did this year. When sending the pictures to the hmsyearbook@haslett.k12.mi.us email, please put in the subject line which one of the new pages the picture could go in (online learning, pets of online learning, creativity during Covid, virtual spirit week, sports pictures, clubs, back to Hybrid, birthday and celebrations during Covid.)

Lastly, we would like to make sure preferred names appear in the yearbook. In the past, we have been able to do this through Viking Times. We are hoping that parents and or students could check out their names on Skyward. If you would like a different name to appear in the yearbook (ie: Chris instead Christopher) please send an email to hmsyearbook@haslett.k12.mi.us so we can update the request.

Emails will be checked each week. If you send an email with any questions, please be patient for our response. Thank you for helping us make it another great yearbook!!

Mask Contest Results



The deadline is approaching to order your This mask is available to purchase until **Saturday 2/13** by clicking [HERE](#). Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the Sparrow Children's Center, so they can buy coloring books, crayons, etc. for the children currently receiving care from the hospital. We can't wait to see you rocking your new

Haslett face mask in the community and at school, all while supporting a great cause. Go Vikings!

Special Olympics Polar Plunge

Freezin' For A Reason



Haslett Middle School is participating in the virtual polar plunge to raise money for the Special Olympics on **February 16th at 3 pm**. Thank you to all the families that have donated to our fundraiser! Our district has met the \$1,000 goal to plunge, now we need your help in raising money in order to dump buckets of COLD water on staff members. We need to raise an additional \$1,000! Follow our team's fundraising journey by clicking this link: <https://www.classy.org/team/335408>



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New HMS Mental Health Resources for Students



We are pleased to offer the following mental health related resources for students. If you have any mental health related questions do not hesitate to reach out to our School Counselor, Amanda Rybicki rybickap@haslett.k12.mi.us, or our School Social Worker, Sarah Boldman boldmase@haslett.k12.mi.us.

Self-Esteem Group: At Haslett Middle School we are looking to form a self-esteem group that meets weekly to learn about ways to support a healthy self-esteem in ourselves and others. Mrs. Boldman and Mrs. Rybicki will jointly facilitate the group with activities and positive discussions. This group will run for approximately 6-8 weeks and will meet weekly on Wednesdays on Zoom. The discussions in this group will be kept confidential, however this group is not therapeutic in nature and should not replace mental health care with a counselor or therapist. If a student is interested in joining this group, please complete this [survey](#). More information will be provided to interested students.

Ele's Group: Ele's group is designed to help students who have experienced the death of someone significant in their lives. This group will be offered during the school day, once a week for 8 weeks, and will be conducted VIRTUALLY through Zoom. If a student has experienced the death of a loved one (either recently or a long time ago), they may be having a hard time processing their feelings and might be interested in participating in this virtual support group run by an Ele's Place staff member and Mrs. Rybicki. The discussions in this group will be kept confidential, however this group is not therapeutic in nature and should not replace mental health care with a counselor or therapist. If a student is interested in joining the Ele's Group, please complete this [survey](#). More information will be provided to interested students.

Meal Pick Up ****Time Change****



HPS Food Services offers free meal pick up to any student under the age of 18. The student does not need to be present and meals do not need to be pre-ordered or requested.

The pick-up time has changed to 3:30-6pm. for meal pick-up, so it doesn't interfere with the busses at HHS pickup. Meals can be picked up in the front loop of Haslett High School on **Monday** and **Thursday** afternoons

Attachments



- Yearbook Order Form
- Gifted and Talented (GATE) Flyers