



Haslett Middle School

Newsletter

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February 19th, 2021

Principal's Message

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We hope you are keeping warm and staying well this chilly week of February. Our second week of Hybrid went very well. We truly appreciate your support and collaboration as we work through these changes! A couple reminders as we begin week #3:

- We strongly recommend students stick to the daily Hybrid schedule. They should attend classes at the posted times. 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.
- When dropping off and picking up your student(s), please move all the way forward to the 6th grade (zone 3) doors, even if it's past your child's zone door. This helps the traffic flow go quicker and smoother. Thank you!

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 Days - Next Week



Haslett Middle School will be holding picture day next **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. Viking Cohort students must have the [HPS Screening Agreement](#) completed in order to come in the building for picture day.

Pictures can be ordered at Mylifetouch.com using the Picture Day ID: **EVT9H3S8M**.

Middle School Play



Our Haslett Middle School students have been preparing for our production this year and are happy to share our final product **today, February 19th at 7:30pm!** Come check out what these crazy pirates and fairytale characters have been up to! The following link to the play will open at **TODAY at 7:30pm** (it will not work if you click on it early): <https://youtu.be/BPKBn693130>.

Donations are welcome in place of ticket sales. To donate, please use this link:

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



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7th and 8th Grade Girls Basketball

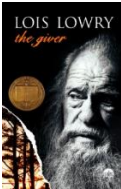


If your 7th or 8th grader is interested in participating in girls' basketball this year, please [CLICK HERE](#) to get more info and fill out an interest survey. Tryouts will be held on **March 4th** and **March 5th**. Times will be posted closer to these dates in Google Classroom.

Students MUST have the following forms on file in the office to participate in tryouts (click the links below for the forms):

- [Physical](#)- Last year's physical can also be used if there is a current Health Questionnaire on file.
- [Health Questionnaire](#)- Only needed if using last year's physical.
- [Athletic Waiver](#)

8th Grade ELA Book



Starting **Monday, February 22nd**, all 8th-grade students will need to drop off their copy of **My Brother Sam Is Dead** and pick up their copy of **The Giver**. Blue and Gold Cohort students can exchange their books in their ELA classes. Viking Cohort students can exchange books by stopping by the middle school any day from **6:30 am-2:15 pm**.

Students will start reading **The Giver** on **Monday, March 1st**. Please pick up the new book by **Friday, February 26th**, so that your student is ready to start reading on time. Please email Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Morris, or Mr. Newcombe if you have any questions.

Yearbook News



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

TODAY is the last day to submit an 8th grade baby picture for the yearbook. Please send them to hmsyearbook@haslett.k12.mi.us.

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!!



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Book Fair



Haslett Middle School is having a VIRTUAL Scholastic Book Fair! Mark your calendars for **March 8th-21st** to shop online. All book orders over \$25 ship directly home for FREE! Click [here](#) to shop beginning **March 8, 2021**. Start browsing the multi-age [virtual flyer](#) now! What a great way to celebrate March is Reading Month!

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.

Attached Flyers



- Fastpitch Softball Club of Haslett
- Noodles & Company Choir Fundraiser
- Yearbook Order Form