

T-Bird Times

April 14, 2023



Calendar of Events

April

- 18 - MAP testing (ELA - 6th, 7th & 8th)
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- 20 - District 8th Grade Band Festival @ BSW - 8:00am-12:30pm
- 20 - District 7th Grade Choir Festival @ BVN - 12:00pm - 2:00pm
- 20 - Track Meet @ Prairie Star Middle School - 3:25pm
- 24 - NO SCHOOL- Professional Learning Day
- 25 - Track Meet @ HMS vs Pleasant Ridge Middle School - 3:25pm
- 26 - District 7th Grade Band Festival @ BVNW - 8:30am-12:30pm
- 26 - District 8th Grade Choir Festival @ Mid America Nazarene University- 9:00am - 2:00 pm
- 27 - Track Meet @ Blue Valley Middle School - 3:25pm
- 28 - 8th Grade Service Trip - 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Principals Note:

HMS Families,

We finally got to enjoy a week full of nice weather here at HMS. This week, we gave students the option to have lunch outside in the courtyard. We have enough seating in the courtyard for every student at a grade level to eat lunch outside if they choose. We always give students the option to stay inside as well. Even though it was prior to my time at HMS, I have to give our PTO a big shout out as they helped us purchase the tables that students use for lunch in the courtyard! Remember, everyone that becomes a member of the HMS PTO or takes stock in the PTO helps our school support students and staff. Please keep that in mind when paying fees this spring as you will have the option to be a member or take stock in the HMS PTO.

Please encourage your student(s) to do their best on upcoming testing as we continue with our spring standardized testing. Next week, students will take the ELA MAP test through their ELA classes. We use MAP data to inform our instruction at HMS so we encourage all of our students to put forth their best effort and focus during testing. More information about upcoming testing dates can be found below.

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As always, thank you for your support of HMS.

Sincerely,

Nate Winslow
Principal
Harmony Middle School

Yearbooks

Please login to ParentVUE to see if you have purchased a yearbook. We are getting close to the deadline for yearbook orders and want to ensure every student that wants a yearbook gets one. Yearbooks can be purchased through ParentVUE for \$30 under the fees tab. Please reach out if you have any questions.

BVEF Night of the Lights

Mark your calendars for Night of Lights!

BVEF is looking forward to another annual signature event to raise money for our schools AND celebrate all the wonderful things about the Blue Valley district!

Night of Lights 2023 will feature food trucks, robotics, musical performances, cheer demonstrations, yard games, face painters, caricature artists, a fire truck, inflatables, a juried art show, a balloon artist, a raffle for a Weber grill package, glow items to purchase and fireworks for a great evening of fun on Friday, April 28, 2023, from 6-9 p.m. on the District Office Campus at 15020 Metcalf.

The link to buy the glow wristband fidget spinners and a chance to win a Weber Smoker plus accessories package is: https://bluevalleyeducationalfoundation.formstack.com/forms/nol2023_428



Course Fees

Middle school course fee payment for the second semester is open and [online now](#). Your ParentVUE login and password are required to pay course fees.

- Course fees are assigned based on your student's enrollment. Some seventh and eighth grade exploratory/elective classes include course fees.
- Course fees are assigned for the second semester only.

Questions regarding fee payment should be directed to Christina Fowles, HMS Bookkeeper.

Spring Testing Dates

We are excited to see all of our HMS student growth through our upcoming district and state testing. Please make it a priority for your TBird to be at school on the following dates so that we can assess how much they've learned this year!

MAP Testing

ELA- 4/18-4/20 (through ELA class)

Math- 5/2-5/4 (through math class)

iReady Spring Diagnostic (through math classes)

6th grade- 5/10-5/12

7/8th grade- 5/9-5/11

BVNW Spirit Wear Sales

The Spirit Shop is open! March 31, 2023 until April 20, 2023

This is a perfect time to shop and get some new gear for next year as the next PBC online sale occurs when school starts in August, but does not arrive until September/October. All orders are online and will be shipped directly to you. Please note a portion of the sales goes to the Parent Booster Club, and we appreciate the funding support. Access Code **DFjRsZFZX9**

<https://bsnteamssports.com/index>

Honor Code

We always encourage our students at HMS to embody and represent our honor code. Feel free to discuss what it means to be "honorable" at HMS with your student. As we settle into the school year, it is important that students are hearing this message at school and at home.



Safe Schools Reporting

Please share this message in your upcoming family newsletter:

Blue Valley Schools is committed to promoting and fostering a safe environment in and around all of our schools. Through the convergence of physical and intellectual security measures, we are continuously working to prevent, mitigate, respond to and recover from a wide range of emergencies. Please check out [available ways to report safety concerns](#).

Carline Reminders

Please remember to follow our carline rules at all times to ensure efficiency for all.

****This also applies to before and after school activities****

- Use the east entrance to the front circle. The west entrance is for buses only.
- Pull forward all the way before allowing your student to exit the car.
 - This is extremely important. Do not stop until you have pulled all the way up as far as you can in front of the school.
 - Please have your student exit the car quickly. One slow car can back up the entire carline.
- Pull to the left after your student exits your car. (this is extremely important to ensure traffic continues to flow)
- Turn right only when exiting the parking lot. Waiting to turn left completely halts our carline.

Also, please DO NOT park along 141st street during pickup or dropoff. This is a no parking zone as it is a safety issue for our students trying to use the crosswalk. Please enter the HMS parking lot to pick up your student after school.

After School Clubs and Activities

Check out our [list of clubs!](#) Most are open to any grade level. No need to sign up in advance.

Athletics

7th/8th Boys/Girls Track

Practices are in full swing and meets are set. We had a great week of meets vs. LMS and ABMS! We love seeing our TBirds soar!!

Next week preview- Tues 4/20- @ PSMS field events at 3:25pm; running events at 3:40pm

If your track student is participating in the 7th grade choir festival that day, please plan on providing transportation to the track meet, as they will not be back in time to ride the track bus

Check out our new activities website, where you can view all track meets. Click the link, then Harmony Middle and go to 'month view'.

[Link to website](#)

Harmony Middle School Handbook

Please use this link to view the [HMS Student Handbook](#). This handbook will be available for students through our All School Canvas page and can be found at the beginning of the student planner.

PTO

SUPPORT FOR THE HAYES FAMILY AFTER HOUSE FIRE:

The Hayes family experienced a terrible house fire on Sunday night and have children at HMS & HES. The HMS PTO will be collecting gift card donations for the family through Tuesday, April 18th. Please drop off gift card donations to the HMS Front Office in an envelope marked "Hayes Family." You can drop off gift cards anytime between 7:30 AM - 4 PM or send the envelope in with your student. Gift cards to Target, Walmart, Visa/Discover gift cards, and fast food & restaurant gift cards are all appreciated.

There is also a Clothing/Shoe donation collection. If you would like to donate new or gently used clothing and/or shoes for the family's 5 children - please drop off your donations to 9101 West 140th Street (leave on front patio). Please do not bring clothing/shoe donations to HMS. Here are the sizes needed:

*Boy Clothes: Size 6/7 (Youth Medium), Boys Youth Large, Boys Youth XL & Men's Small

*Boys Shoes: Boys Little Kid Size 13, Big Kid Size 6 & 7, Men's 7.5 & Men's 8

*Girl Clothes: Girls Youth Large

*Girl Shoes: Big Kid Size 1

If you are interested in giving a monetary donation to the family via VENMO - please reach out to Katie Schibel at katie_schibel@hotmail.com and she can send you the information on how to make a

donation directly to the family.

Thank you so much for your support and generosity!



HMS PTO DONATION DRIVE FOR HAYES FAMILY

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GIFT CARD DONATIONS:

Please drop off gift cards to Target and Walmart or Visa/Discover gift cards to HMS Front Office in envelope marked "Hayes Family" between 4/11 and 4/18. You may also donate fast food/restaurant gift cards to the family (drop off to front office).

CLOTHING & SHOE DONATIONS:

Please drop off clothes to 9101 West 140th Street (leave on front patio). Please consider donating new or gently used clothing and shoes for the family's 5 children:

Boy Clothes: Size 6/7 (Youth Medium), Boys Youth Large, Boys Youth XL & Men's Small

Boys Shoes: Boys Little Kid Size 13, Big Kid Size 6 & 7, Men's 7.5 & Men's 8

Girl Clothes: Girls Youth Large

Girl Shoes: Big Kid Size 1

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY!

TRACK CONCESSION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We still have one home track meet that we need to fill with an adult and student volunteer (Tuesday, Apr. 25). Please click on the sign-up genius link below to volunteer. We need two volunteers to work in the concession stand for each track meet held at HMS. One of the volunteers can be a student, however an adult must also be signed up to work with the student. Instructions will be sent to volunteers. Meet starts at 3:30 and we like to have the stand open 15 minutes prior so please arrive to set up at 3:00 PM. Please click on the Sign- Up Genius link below to volunteer and please contact Katie Scheibel if you have any questions (katie_scheibel@hotmail.com).



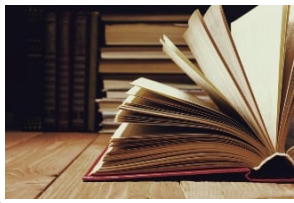
[Track Concessions](#)

www.signupgenius.com

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PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR STUCO:

We need two parent volunteers to help with each meeting. Meetings are from 3 - 4 pm and take place at HMS. Please arrive at 2:50 PM and sign in at the front office. Please click on the link below to sign up.



[STUCO Parent Vol...](#)

www.signupgenius.com

HMS needs 2 parent volunteers for each meeting. Meetings are from 3 - 4 PM and take place at HMS. Please arrive at 2:50 PM and sign in at the front office. Thank you so much for volunteering!



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