

# T-Bird Times

April 21, 2023



## Calendar of Events

April

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,

The weeks keep flying by as we get closer to the end of the school year. As we get closer to the end of this school year, we begin to plan for next year. Please take some time and complete online registration

for your student for the 2023-2024 school year. More information on registration can be found directly below this note.

Please encourage your student(s) to do their best on upcoming testing as we continue with our spring standardized testing. This past week, students completed 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. Any student that did not finish or missed ELA MAP testing will complete make-up testing next week. More information about upcoming testing dates can be found below.

Below this note you will find the following information:

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As always, thank you for your support of HMS.

Sincerely,

Nate Winslow  
Principal  
Harmony Middle School

## **Register for the 2023-24 school year today**

[Middle school registration](#) for the 2023-24 school year is open and [online now](#) for current students and families. Registration is required annually and is the time to update your child's information (phone, email, emergency contacts, health information, etc.). At this time, you have access to pay all required fees with the exception of course fees. Course fees will be assigned in September.

Completing registration now confirms that your child will attend school in August and helps the district appropriately staff classrooms. Thank you for providing important information as part of the registration process. For more information about registration, visit [www.bluevalleyk12.org/registration](http://www.bluevalleyk12.org/registration).

## **Yearbooks**

Purchasing yearbooks through ParentVUE is no longer available. For those still interested in purchasing a yearbook, please bring \$30 cash or check to the HMS front office.

## 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](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 Makeups- week of April 24-28th

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

## 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.

## Athletics

7th/8th Boys/Girls Track

Check out our upcoming track meets!

Next week preview-

Tues. 4/25- @ HMS field events at 3:25pm; running events at 3:40pm

Thurs. 4/27- @BVM field events at 3:25pm; running events at 3:40pm

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

The HMS Community was awesome in showing their support for the Hayes family. Thank you so much to everyone who donated gift cards. Mr. Winslow presented the gift cards to the family this week. Thanks again for your kindness and generosity!



**HELPED NEEDED: TEACHER APPRECIATION TRAIL MIX BAR:**

The Teacher Appreciation Committee is treating the teachers and staff to a trail mix bar on April 24th. We could use your help in making this a special experience for our awesome HMS staff. Please take a look at the requested items and sign up if you are able to contribute. All items are needed by Friday, April 21, but can be dropped off anytime this week to HMS office (open 7:30 AM - 4 PM). Thank you in advance for your support.



## [Teacher Appreciat...](#)

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### **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](mailto:katie_scheibel@hotmail.com)).



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## **Student Services Update**

### **National Prescription Drug Take Back Day**

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is just around the corner.


On **Saturday, April 22, 2023**, individuals will have the opportunity to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs at locations in communities throughout the country in a safe, convenient, and responsible way. Find out how you can sponsor a take back location on your campus by reading a letter signed by DEA, the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA), and NASPA--Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education.

[Read More](#)



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