

T-Bird Times

April 28, 2023



Calendar of Events

May

- 2 - MAP testing Math (6th, 7th & 8th)
- 2 - 8th Grade Improv Show (1:10-2:30)
- 2 - 6th Grade Choir Concert (7:00pm-8:00pm)
- 3 - MAP testing Math (6th, 7th & 8th)
- 4 - 7th Grade Seussical performance (9:00-10:15am)
- 4 - Track Meet @ HOME vs OMS (3:25pm 5:30pm)
- 5 - Choir Rep show @ BVNW (8th grade only)
- 6 - Strings Worlds of Fun Trip
- 11 - 6th Grade Band Festival @ OMS (10:00am-12:00)
- 11 - 8th Grade District Track Meet @ BVHS- 3:00pm
- 12 - 7th & 8th Grade Choir/Theatre, 8th Grade Band Worlds of Fun Trip (All Day)
- 16 - 8th Grade show (1:45-3:00)
- 17 - Husky Showcase School Day Show (7th& 8th Choir/Theatre)1:15-2:30
- 17 - Jr. Thespian Ceremony (3:00-3:45)

- 17 - Spring Band Concert @ HMS (7:00pm-8:00pm)
- 18 - MS/ES Spring Strings Concert@ HMS (7:00-8:00pm)
- 23 - 6th Grade Science Showcase (3:00-5:00pm)
- 24 - 8th Grade Cookout
- 25 - 8th Grade Ceremony / Dave and Busters trip
- 26 - Last Day of School - Dismissal at 10:50

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. Next week, students take the Math MAP test through their math 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. Please make sure your student gets a good night's sleep and eats breakfast. More information about upcoming testing dates can be found below.

Below this note you will find the following information:

- Registration for the 2023-2024 School Year
- 8th Grade End of Year Events Fee
- Yearbook
- BVEF Night of the Lights
- Course Fees
- Spring Testing Dates
- Honor Code
- Safe School Reporting
- Carline Reminders
- Athletics
- Harmony Middle School Handbook
- PTO News
- Student Services Update

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.

8th Grade End of Year Events Fee

Please login into ParentVUE and pay the fee to help fund the end of year events for your 8th grade student. We have several fun and memorable events planned that we cannot do without your help. Again, please login and pay the 8th Grade Celebration fee in ParentVUE.

Here are instructions:

- Login to ParentVUE
- Make sure your 8th grade students is selected at the top of the page
- Click on Fees
- Click on Pay Fees
- Select the 8th Grade Celebration fee

You can also bring in cash or check for \$40 to HMS front office

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



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

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

Upcoming track meets!

Thurs. 5/4- @HMS field events at 3:25pm; running events at 3:40pm

Thurs. 5/11- 8th Grade Only Meet @ BVHS- field events at 2pm; running events at 3:15pm

if attending the meet for running events, please arrive at or after 3:05pm due to HS traffic

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](#)

2023 Thunderbird Football Camp

Our HMS football coaching staff is excited to host our annual Thunderbird Football Camp this summer! The goal of this camp is to develop football skills that will allow our players to reach their full potential. This camp is for incoming 6th-8th grade students (both boys and girls).

THUNDERBIRD FOOTBALL CAMP

INFO

When: June 19th-22nd @ 8AM - 10AM

Where: Mon-Wed @ HMS & Thurs @
DAC

Who: All rising 6th, 7th, 8th Graders
interested in football



For more information
reach out to :

Coach Williams
Coach Sanders
Coach Harder
Coach Vanrheenen



FORMS FOUND IN THE HMS OFFICE!

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

[School Supplies for 2023-2024](#)

Parents if you would like order school supplies online for next school please see the information below on how to order.



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HARMONY MIDDLE SCHOOL 2023-2024 School Supply Sale

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ONLINE ORDERING ONLY!

Grade Level 2023-2024	Cost Each
6th	\$97.00
7th	\$90.00
8th	\$58.00

Order Securely Online Starting Now thru May 23rd!

1. Go to www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks
2. Enter the school ID, **HAR784 (3 letters/3 numbers)**
3. Follow the directions to complete your order.
4. Keep your online confirmation as your receipt.

Orders will be charged tax at checkout.

School supplies will be available for pick up at Harmony Middle School at Locker/Picture day on August 8th from 2:00-5:00pm.

For questions, please contact Angela Milliren at amilliren@hotmail.com Lori Younger at 913-239-5212 or younger@bluevalleyk12.org



Access the order form by scanning the QR code with your phone.

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CHIPOTLE SPIRIT NIGHT

Spirit Night/Dine Out at Chipotle, this Monday, May 1st. This is our last PTO dinner night! We'll have one more spirit night, but it will be at Twisters Frozen Custard! The Chipotle location is the 135th/Pflumn, Olathe location. The fundraising hours are from 4-8 p.m. and can be ordered online, in the app or in person. If ordering in person, just mention Harmony Middle School fundraiser before payment. If ordering online, you must enter in this code or our school won't get credit for your order GZ9W6DY.

Thank you for supporting HMS!!

HELPED NEEDED: TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK SIGN UPS:

Candace King and the HMS PTO Teacher Appreciation Committee have been working hard to make plans to shower our teachers and staff with kindness during Teacher Appreciation Week (May 8 - 12). Please click on the links below to volunteer to donate items or time. Each day there is something special planned - so there are **4 sign ups** that need volunteers. If you have any questions - please contact Candace King at cking220@yahoo.com.

MONDAY (May 8th):

The Teacher Appreciation Committee is looking for 10 dads to help kick off our exciting week by greeting and welcoming our teachers & staff as they enter the building on Monday morning, May 8th. It'll be an early start to your day (6:45) but the responsibility is only around 20 minutes. What's required? A tux or business suit with a Tiffany blue tie or similar shade, black sunglasses (provided unless you have your own) smiles and a chivalrous attitude. Please sign up if you are able to help us create a fun morning for our staff. We also need donations for breakfast items.



[🔗](#) **MONDAY: 'Breakf...**

www.signupgenius.com

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TUESDAY (May 9th):

On Tuesday, the Teacher Appreciation Committee will be providing an ice cream and root beer bar for all teachers and staff. Please drop off items to HMS Front Office by 4 PM on Monday, May 8th (4 PM) with exception to the Nothing Bundt Cake items - which can be dropped off on Wednesday morning, May 10th.



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THURSDAY (May 11th):

On Thursday, May 10th, the Teacher Appreciation Committee will be providing a Chocolate Fondue Bar to all teachers and staff. Please sign up to contribute and drop all donations off to the HMS Front Office by 12 PM on Thursday, May 11th. Thank you!



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FRIDAY (May 12th):

On Friday (May 12th), the Teacher Appreciation Committee will be providing a "Pasta and Grazing Bar" for all teachers and staff. Please drop off items to HMS Front Office by 4 PM on Thursday, May 11th. Please tell office staff when dropping off refrigerated items. Thank you so much for your support.



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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).



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Student Services Update

HMS Counseling Department and PTO are excited to announce that our 7th and 8th graders will be participating in a Career Fair on Thursday, May 18th from 8-10. Students will have the opportunity to meet with professionals in a variety of career fields in 4 sessions of their choosing.

While there are many careers' students may pursue in their future, counselors have gained student feedback combined with forecasted careers predicted to be in demand in the next decade that we are hoping to expose students to. The following are a list;



Doctor
Computer/Video Game Design
Mechanic
Electrician
Plumber
Banking/Finance
Geologist
Author
Physician's Assistant
Carpenter
FBI/CIA


We need our parent community help! If you know someone or work in these fields and are willing to come and speak to our students, please contact PTO Career Fair Chair, Natasha Buller at; natashabuller@hotmail.com. If you are currently in a career not listed above but are interested in sharing information with students about your job, please contact Natasha as well.



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