

# T-Bird Times

May 5, 2023



## Calendar of Events

May

- 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 first week of May is in the books and it was a busy one. We had multiple student performances between our choir and theater students and they were all a huge success! Our track team had their last 7th and 8th grade meet! With all that said, we are really encouraging our students to work hard in the classroom and to show appropriate behaviors as we near the end of the school year. Please help us by encouraging your student(s) to finish the year strong.

Testing season is almost over! Next week, students take the Math iReady diagnostic assessment through their math classes. Our iReady math resource aligns very closely to our math standards and curriculum so we encourage all of our students to put forth their best effort and focus during testing. The data we get from the iReady diagnostic assessment goes a long way in telling us how successful our students are in math. 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
- 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](http://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.

## 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!

iReady Spring Diagnostic (through math classes)

6th grade- 5/10-5/12

## 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**

### Track

Our 7th grade TBird track participants had a great season! We want to give a special shout out to our 7th grade girls, as they went undefeated!!!

We have one all district meet remaining for our 8th graders. Check out the information below and make plans to come out to support our TBirds.

### COMING UP:

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\*

Thank you for all of the parent and staff support at the meets, as we could not have done it without you!

### 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.



## HARMONY MIDDLE SCHOOL 2023-2024 School Supply Sale

Save Over 40% on Supplies Compared to Other Online Retailers

**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](http://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](mailto:amilliren@hotmail.com) Lori Younger at 913-239-5212 or [younger@bluevalleyk12.org](mailto:younger@bluevalleyk12.org)



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

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### 8th GRADE GRADUATION DONATIONS:

Attention 8th Grade Parents: The 8th Grade Farewell committee needs donations to help with their two big end of the year events at HMS (BBQ and Ice Cream Social). Please consider donating an item and drop it off to the HMS Front Office by Monday, May 22nd. Please mark donations "8th Grade Graduation." If you have any questions - please contact Jami Cole at [jamilundberg@yahoo.com](mailto:jamilundberg@yahoo.com) or Molly Olm-Shipman at [molmshipman@gmail.com](mailto:molmshipman@gmail.com). Thank you so much for your support and generosity!



## [8th Grade Graduat...](#)

[www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com)

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### **CONCESSION STAND THANKS:**

Big thanks to Kelly Smith and Sylvie Murphy for volunteering to work the HMS PTO Concession stand during two of our home meets this past season! We really appreciate their time and energy! Thanks for helping the PTO earn money for our school.

### **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK SIGN UPS:**

Thank you so much to everyone who signed up to donate for next week's Teacher Appreciation week. If you have any questions about what you signed up for - please reach out to Candace King at [cking220@yahoo.com](mailto:cking220@yahoo.com). Also - if you forgot to drop off your gift card donations this week - you can still drop them off on Monday morning to the HMS front office. Tremendous thanks to Candace King for doing such an amazing job organizing a wonderful week for our incredible teachers and staff. Here is the link to all the sign ups:

## [TEACHER APPRE...](#)

[www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com)

Candace King and the HMS PTO Teacher Appreciation Committee are collecting \$5 gift cards to pass out to teachers and staff next week during Teacher Appreciation Week (May 8 - 12). Please drop off gift card donations to the main office at HMS between the hours of 7:30 AM and 4 PM this week.

Thank You For supporting HMS!!

## **Student Services Update**

### **OPERATION PARENT-MAY 2, 2023**

Teens have a knowledge gap when it comes to fake pills and fentanyl. It will take all of us working together, schools and parents alike, to bridge that gap so that kids can stay safe and healthy. This is why we are hosting two Moms from Song For Charlie who have lost their sons to fentanyl and have



dedicated their lives to educating families. They will share resources for schools to add information about fake pills, illicit fentanyl, and fentanyl poisonings to your prevention programs.



## [Fentanyl: What Ev...](#)

[www.operationparent.org](http://www.operationparent.org)

Operation Parent - Free Webinar Tuesday May 2, 2023 1:00-3:00 PM EST Can't make the date? All registrants are sent a recording. This presentation is designed by two Moms who have lost their sons to fentanyl and have dedicated their lives to educating families. We hope to teach teens and parents alike exactly what they need to know about illicit fentanyl, and fentanyl poisonings.

### **Career Fair:**

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](mailto: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.


### **Sources of Strength**


Sources of Strength members joined Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Madsen in the courtyard for some root beer floats to celebrate their amazing accomplishments. We are so proud of them!



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