

HAMMOND MIDDLE SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2019

PTA NEWSLETTER



Join the PTA! Contact Amy to join amydrn@me.com

Show Thanks to HMS Staff



Conference Dinner for Staff

The PTA Staff Appreciation Committee will be providing "linner" for the staff during conference night on Monday November 25th! The **baked potato bar** will be served from 3:15-4:00pm. We need your donations to make this a success!

*New this year...drop off donations at homes of Kerri or Christina

*Click [HERE](#) for donation sign up!



Fulfill A Wish!

This year the PTA has setup a Teacher's Wishlist through Amazon. Find items that your child's teacher needs to strengthen learning in their classroom. There are items from every price range to every subject. If you have any questions please contact Karen Caron at 1stVP@hammondmiddlepta.org. Click [HERE](#) for the link.



Adopt-a-Staff Program

Don't forget to send a message of thanks and treat during this month of thanks and giving! Thanks to those families participating in the program this year!



Holiday Shopping Made Easy HMS PTA sells the same gift cards you would normally buy at your local store. We have a huge selection of gift cards! Visit <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com> to see over 750 brand names. Click [HERE](#) for more info!

Cards are full face value * Up to 18% for PTA * No Stress!

- Order forms due: November 22, 2019
- Make Checks Payable to: HMS PTA
- Gift cards arrive to the school: Week of December 9th, 2019
- Click [HERE](#) for a paper copy of the order form.

You may place your order by signing up for a family account using the following enrollment code 5B586EE738287. Submit your check to the school. Cards ordered online will be delivered to the school.



UPCOMING EVENTS



November 13

Restaurant Night
On the Border 11am-10pm
[Flyer](#)

November 20-26

Book Fair (Volunteers Needed)

November 22

[Reflections](#) Deadline

Gift Card Order Deadline

November 25

Staff Appreciation Dinner

December PTA TBD



November PTA Meeting Highlights

PTA meetings will be 7-8:15pm.

No separate business meeting prior to general membership.

- Family Fitness Fun Event coming in January
- Student directory- seeking more information about procedures to distribute, and if we have the funds for this
- Discussion about future afterschool opportunities run by Parks & Rec- PTA will look into options to bring programs to HMS
- Funding programs here at HMS- currently no funds to create activities afterschool for students to attend for free.
- New picnic tables coming to beside the playground area thanks to an Eagle Scout project!
- November PTACHC [update](#) from Erin Roberts; official monthly meeting minutes [HERE](#).
- [Howard County Student Council](#) is seeking members to participate Nov. 13 @ Homewood Center 7pm
- Erin Roberts has been in contact with the County Council's Office about the long range plan proposed for a bike path that connects Hammond Pkwy to Hammond Drive and asking if the PTA would be willing to support this project. Erin will draft a letter to ask that this project be a priority.
- Policy 4030 click [HERE](#) School Activity Funds (use of gift cards)
- December Restaurant Night Wed Dec. 12 at [Modern Market](#) 5-8pm.



Spirit Wear! Show Your Viking Pride

Click [HERE](#) for the most up to date availability! Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted. Sizes are limited, so don't delay! For orders or inquiries, please contact Christina Alvarez and Terumi McKenna at spiritwear@hammondmiddlepta.org



Box Tops Scan your receipt. Earn cash for our school.

Click [HERE](#) more information. Questions? Contact: Shelley Mansolillo smansolillo@gmail.com

Link Your VIC Card to HMS Please help benefit our school every time you do grocery shopping! You need to link your card to HMS every year. Harris Teeter HMS Code- 7585 Register your VIC card online by clicking [HERE](#) or call 1-800-432-6111



PTA SPONSORED STUDENT PROGRAMS



PTA Reflections

The Reflections Program is a National PTA arts competition. The purpose of this program is to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original works. Click [here](#) for more information.



Spelling Bee

Spelling Bee will take place on January 16, 2020 at 6:30PM with an inclement weather makeup date of January 23rd. Please register for the Spelling Bee using the [Spelling Bee Registration Form](#) by December 20, 2019. Registered students will receive a spelling bee study guide, useful web-links and information regarding an after school Spelling Bee Coaching Session (organized by Ms. Blanding) via email. For more information, please contact Mary Coleman at spellingbee@hammondmiddlepta.org



HMS Memory Book Committee

Seeking a parent volunteer to run meetings and assist students to compile this year's memory book. If you are interested please contact Dr. Dale at aaron_dale@hcpss.org.