

# HMS PTA Newsletter (September 2016)

Welcome to another exciting year at Hammond Middle School! The PTA already has several great events underway for the students. We hope you can join us as we plan more events throughout the year.



## HMS PTA is now on Facebook

You asked for it and we listened! It's another great way for all of us to stay connected to all the things happening at HMS. Please check us out at <https://www.facebook.com/HammondMiddleSchool71/>



## You can now join the HMS PTA online!

For your convenience, PTA membership forms can now be filled online and membership dues can be paid using Paypal. Please click [here](#) to join the HMS PTA and support the many wonderful programs and event sponsored for the benefit of the HMS Students, staff and the school community. We thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please contact Ravinder Sandhoo at [kaurr@yahoo.com](mailto:kaurr@yahoo.com).

Be your kid's biggest fan.  
**Be PTA.**

## Show Your School Spirit

Get your T-shirts, sweatshirts, sweat pants and lounge pants at Back-to-School Night on September 15th from 6:00 - 8:00PM. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted. **Sizes are limited, so don't delay!** If you have any questions please contact Karen Beck at [beckfamilyis1@verizon.net](mailto:beckfamilyis1@verizon.net).



## HMS Student Directory

The HMS PTA produces a student directory each year for the use of HMS students and their families. The directory includes information about HMS staff and lists students in alphabetical order by grade. If you would like your child(ren) to be included in the directory, please follow the directions below to enter your information online by Friday, September 23, 2016.

- Click [here](#) to go to MySchoolDirectory website
- Use the school code word: **HMSVIKINGS**
- Enter your information one time per family unless you have a dual family situation. In that case your students can be listed with both sets of parent/guardian information.
- Once you make your submission, you will receive a confirmation email from the webmaster with the subject line: Automated Response from MySchoolDirectory.com. This email will confirm the information exactly as you entered it. If you find there is a mistake with the entry, please email Tatiana Pham at [tatianaspham@hotmail.com](mailto:tatianaspham@hotmail.com) with your changes rather than resubmitting your information. This eliminates duplicates and assists in proofreading.



The directory will be distributed to Hammond Middle School students and staff in mid-October.

## Tissues and Hand Sanitizer

Help keep the common cold out of the classrooms. Please donate tissues and hand sanitizers during Back to School Night. Donation boxes will be available at the PTA Membership table. Thank you for helping to keep our children healthy!



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## Link Your Grocery Store Card(s) to HMS

Please help benefit our school every time you do grocery shopping. You need to link your card to HMS every year.

- Giant Food - HMS Code – 00389; Register your Bonus Card online by clicking [here](#) or by calling 1-877-275-2758
- Harris Teeter - HMS Code – 7585; Register your VIC card online by clicking [here](#) or by calling 1-800-432-6111



## HMS Staff is up for Adoption!

Adopt-A-Staff is a wonderful program that pairs a staff member with a family for the entire school year. The family secretly provides little notes and treats to appreciate their adopted staff member once every month. At the end of the year, the staff member guesses to find the student in their class from their adopted family. Please check out this [flyer](#) for details.

## Box Tops Contest Reminder! Friday, September 16th Could Be Your Lucky Day!

September 16th is the last day for all HMS students to participate in the Box Tops for Education Back to School Contest. Be sure to send in at least 15 valid Box Tops in a sealed zipper baggie or envelope labeled with the student's name, grade and first period teacher. One student from each grade will win a FREE movie pass (selected from the participating students who bring in at least 15 valid Box Tops.) In addition, the student from each grade that brings in the most Box Tops will win a FREE iTunes gift card! It's not too late to check your cabinets for products with Box Tops. Please click [here](#) to see the list of participating products. For more information, please contact Mary San Antonio at [marysanantonio@verizon.net](mailto:marysanantonio@verizon.net). Remember, every Box Top is like a dime in disguise. Every Box Top thrown away is like cash in the trash.



## Recap: Back-to-School Staff Luncheon

On August 25, 2016, PTA provided a luncheon for HMS Staff to welcome them Back-to-School. The staff enjoyed a variety of meat, vegan, vegetarian and gluten free options in sandwiches, fruit, snacks and desserts. A big thank you to all the families who donated drinks, snacks, treats and their time for set up and clean up.

## Dates to Remember

September 15 <sup>th</sup>		Back-to-School Night 6:30 – 8:00 pm
September 29 <sup>th</sup>		SkyZone Night (click <a href="#">here</a> for details)
October 21 <sup>st</sup>		Fall Fling

PTA Webpage: <http://www.hammondmiddlepta.org/>