

HMS PTA Newsletter September (2017)

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.



Ice Cream Social

7th and 8th grade students are invited to come pickup their schedules and ALL GRADES (including 6th grade) are invited to an ice cream social on **September 1, 2017 2:00 – 3:30 PM.**



HMS Student Wins a National Award!

CONGRATULATIONS to **Destiny Favery** for winning the 2nd place, "Award of Excellence" at National PTA Reflections Arts Competition for the year 2016-17. She first won at HMS, then at the Howard County level, then at the State of MD level and now at the National level. She produced a film titled, "Break Through". Way to go Destiny! We are so proud of you!



Join the PTA

Please 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. You can:

- click [here](#) to fill your membership form and pay ONLINE (using PayPal).
- click [here](#) to print the membership form (you will have to send it to school with payment)



If you have any questions, please contact Ravinder Sandhoo at kaurr@yahoo.com.

Show Your Viking Side

Get your T-shirts, sweatshirts, sweat pants and lounge pants at:

- Ice Cream Social on **September 1st** from 2:00 - 3:30PM.
- Back-to-School Night on **September 14th** 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.

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. This is all done ANONYMOUSLY. You can choose to reveal your identity in June or remain anonymous. Please check out this [flyer](#) for details.



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 by calling 1-800-432-6111



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HMS Color Run

HMS Color Run is a 5K / 3.1 mile fun run/walk scheduled for **September 16, 2017 (10:00 AM – 12:00 PM)**. **Buy Tickets by September 14th** to save money & enter for a chance to win 2 passes for Launch Trampoline Park.



- To register online & purchase tickets using PayPal, please click [here](#).
- To register using a paper form and pay by sending payment to school, please click [here](#).

We **need lots of volunteers** to make this event a success. Please click [here](#) for volunteer sign-up.

PTA Reflections – Arts Competition

Please encourage your students to create an original work of art based on the theme "Within Reach", using their creativity and deeper reflection to enhance their critical thinking and problem solving skills. Students can write a story/poem, produce a film, choreograph a dance, shoot photos, create a musical composition or visual art. All student entries are **due by November 15th**. More information can be found at the [Reflections](#) page on our website.



Box Tops Contest

Friday, September 29th is the last day for all HMS students to participate in the Box Tops for Education Back to School Contest. Please send in Box Tops in a zip lock or envelope labeled with the student's name, grade and advisory teacher. Students submitting at least 15 valid, unexpired Box Tops will be entered in a drawing to win a Chick-Fil-A OR iTunes gift card! Please click [here](#) to see the list of participating products. For more information, please contact Dodie van't Hoff at vanthoff4@verizon.net.



Hammond Boys Basketball Team!

Represent your school on the Varsity (top talent 6-8th grade) or Junior Varsity (6th & 7th) team. Come to tryouts either **September 19th or 20th** 7:00 – 9:00 PM at Lime Kiln Middle. Practices start in October. Season will run until March. Games are Saturdays starting in December. If you would like to coach a JV team contact Coach Dave at davechelle3@yahoo.com. Visit www.hcyp.org for more details. Go Vikings!



Dates to Remember

September 1 st	Ice Cream Social for ALL HMS Students 2:00 – 3:30 PM
September 14 th	Back to School Night 6:00 – 8:00 PM
September 16 th	Color Run 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
October 10 th	PTA Meeting 6:30 – 7:30 PM
October 13 th	Fall Fling 3:00 – 5:00 PM

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