

Dear DMS CommUnity,

Last night, DMS opened its doors to welcome our families to Back to School Night. Parents were greeted by the melodic sounds of the DMS Orchestra, under the direction of Ms. Dee Newberger. Our talented students provided the parents with a snap shot of what's to come this year. The evening started with a Canvas Parent Information Session, for which we had a great turn-out. Parents also had an opportunity to get assistance with Canvas, HCPSS Connect, and Family File. Our amazing technology team put together a wonderful tutorial for parents and provided hands on guidance that supported each family's need.

After last night's Family File push, we now have 70% of our families with an updated Family File. Please remember to update your contact information in Family File by logging into [HCPSS Connect](#). This information must be updated annually even if you do not have any changes. You will still need to click through each screen and click submit at the end in order for your Family File to be considered complete. Visit [HCPSS Connect](#) today and click submit on the final screen!

Parents, if you were unable to attend BTSN and need assistance updating your Family File, view the [Family File User Guide](#).

Special thanks to our PTA for your ongoing support, and also the Tech Committee: Ms. Goforth, Ms. Girma, Ms. Fields, Ms. Thomas, Mr. Murdock, and Ms. Han. I would like to also thank Ms. Newberger and her students, Mr. Rajala and the SGA, and the entire DMS staff for making this a wonderful event.

Sincerely,
Antoinette Roberson

6th Grade General Music - Parents ONLY

On Monday, September 16, 2019, we will be welcoming Paul Quinn to the Dunloggin Family. Mr. Quinn is coming to us with prior music experience. He is currently teaching at Lime Kiln MS in the afternoon and will join the DMS Music Department in the morning. Mr. Quinn will be teaching General Music 1st and 2nd period on both A and B days.

With this addition to our staff, we have made changes to Ms. Newberger's and Ms. Satterfield's teaching assignments. Starting Monday, September 16, 2019, Ms. Newberger and Ms. Satterfield will be splitting the period 5 General Music class. Ms. Newberger will be teaching A day, General Music the entire year. Ms. Satterfield will teach B day, General Music the entire year.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school at 410-313-2831 or email me directly, Antoinette_Roberson@hcpss.org.

MCAP (Formerly PARCC) Home Reports

In the next couple of days, students will be coming home with their MCAP (formerly PARCC) Individual Student Report. The students' Individual Student Report for MCAP Reading and Math assessments will reflect the spring test administration. Both the MCAP score reports will provide you with a snapshot of your child's progress toward depth of knowledge of the Common Standards, grade-level expectations and where he or she excelled or needs more support.

This information, along with grades, teacher feedback and scores on other tests, will help give a more complete picture of how well your child is performing academically.

Visit <http://understandthescore.org/> for further information and interpreting your child's score as well as other resources you may find useful.

Emergency Operation Procedures

We want to make you aware that DMS practiced a lockdown drill with students today. This drill is one of the safety measures that all HCPSS schools conduct periodically throughout the year as part of our [Emergency Response Plans](#), and is good practice for students and staff to review safety procedures. A lockdown is a procedure that involves our students and staff remaining in their classroom or assigned area, locking the doors, and waiting for further instructions from the leadership team.

We encourage you to ask your child about the drill and let us know if they have any questions or concerns. You can also find detailed information about what occurs during lockdowns, modified lockdowns, and other protective actions taken during emergencies at www.hcpss.org/safety/.

Additional information can be found on the [Family and Community Resources for Speaking with Children About Traumatic Events](#) page.

Our goal each and every day is to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for all students and staff at DMS. We hope these measures have a positive impact on our community as well.

Reminders:

- **Car Pool:** Parents, we want to make sure all students are arriving to and from school safely. Please remember to adhere to the car pool guidelines and follow the attendant's directions when dropping your child off in the morning and picking them up in the afternoon.
- **Bus Riders:** This week we had a number of students forgetting their bus number and/or getting off at the wrong bus stop. Parents, please review with your child their bus number, pick-up and drop-off location. Safety is our number one priority.
- **Bikers/Walkers:** Students are not allowed to walk or ride their bikes through the parking lot, as that is a safety concern. When walking or riding a bike to and from school, students are to remain on the sidewalk for their safety.
- **Lunch:** Parents, for the safety of our students and staff, you cannot have a mobile food delivery service (Door Dash, Grub Hub, Uber Eats etc...) drop off lunch to the school for your child. Parents or guardians must come into the build to drop off a lunch. Thank you in advance for adhering to these guidelines.

Lunch/Meals:

This is a reminder to our families to please make sure you reload funds on your child's lunch account through www.myschoolbucks.com.

Free and Reduced Meals:

Parents of students who qualify for Free and Reduced Meals must submit a new application every school year. Details on the HCPSS Free and Reduced Meals program are online, including how to apply. Click the link to find out more information: [FARMS Application](#).

DMS Jazz Band Auditions:

DMS Jazz Band Auditions will be on Tuesday, September 17 from 2:40-4:30 PM. Those interested in auditioning should pick up a permission slip and audition music in the band room starting on September 9. Any student who stays after school must return the permission slip to Ms. Henderson by Friday, September 6. All musicians who are auditioning should be in the band room from 2:40-4:00 PM. Those in the rhythm section will stay to 4:30 PM. Any questions, contact Ms. Henderson at patricia_henderson@hcpss.org.

Upcoming Events

- **September 17:** DMS Jazz Band Auditions 2:40 – 4:30 p.m. in the Band Room
- **September 27:** DMS Claire's Holiday Fundraiser Kickoff
- **September 27:** Future Vikings Band Night Football Game Mt. Hebron HS at 5:30 p.m.
- **October 11:** Flu Clinic in the DMS Cafeteria
- **October 11:** Wilde Lake HS Future Band Night Football Game at 5:30 p.m.
- **October 21:** End of Sales for Fundraiser

Community Messages:

DMS parents and community members interested in having information, in the form of an announcement or flyer, published in the school newsletter or Community News Feed must submit a request through the Public Information Office for approval, at publicinfo@hcpss.org.

Announcements may not be disseminated through students or schools without prior approval from the Public Information Office.

For other Community News visit our website www.dms.hcpss.org