

Dragon Tales
January 15, 2021

DMS New Student Orientation

Dunloggin Middle School will be hosting our annual ***New Student/Family Orientation*** and ***GT Information Night*** on ***Tuesday, January 19*** and ***Wednesday, January 20***, from ***6:00 to 7:00*** pm. Please join us for this event as we welcome our new students and their families to DMS. Parents, you will have an opportunity to meet the staff and become familiar with your child's new school, learn about school programs, and hear ways you can get involved.

Please note, an additional session has been offered for your convenience. Parents, please select the night that works best for you and your family. The same information will be presented on both nights. You do not have to attend both events.

The agenda, New Student Orientation Presentation, and google meeting links will be accessible on our school website: dms.hcpss.org next week.

Agenda

- **6:00pm** – Welcome/New Student Orientation Presentation
- **6:25pm** – Question & Answer Session
- **6:40pm** – GT Information Session

Please note! You will need to be logged in with your child's HCPSS account to access these Google Meets.

The meeting code: **DMS Orientation**

HS Course Registration – Extended

HS Course Registration will be extended to Monday, January 18, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. Please communicate this extension to families. School counseling staff will also be notified.

From the DMS Yearbook Staff

The DMS Yearbook Staff really needs your help. We are creating pages for virtual [class/technology](#), [Pets](#), and [baby pictures](#) (8th-grade only). We want to include you! Please click on the links above to fill in a google form where you can upload pictures for any or all of these pages, and answer a few short questions.

We are excited to feature YOU in the yearbook. Thank you for helping us tell the story of the year!

DMS Yearbook Staff

HCPSS Launches New Bullying Reporting Tool

I am pleased to inform you that HCPSS has launched a new bullying reporting tool that replaces the Sprigeo reporting system that has been in place for several years. This new tool is very easy to use and allows students, staff and family members to easily and confidentially report incidents of bullying.

Acts of bullying can be critically detrimental to the learning environment at our school and has the potential for severely impacting the wellness of our students. I urge every student and family member to use this new tool to report any acts that occur in-person or online that you believe may be bullying. Your information will remain confidential and staff will take every report seriously.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about our response to bullying and ways we can collaborate to keep our school community a safe and healthy environment for our students.

The new bullying reporting tool can be found online at stopbullying.hcpss.org

Upcoming Events

- **January 18:** Schools Closed for MLK Jr. Day
- **January 21:** TCOE Celebration of Achievement @ 6:00 pm
- **January 28:** End of Quarter 2
- **January 29:** Professional Work Day: Schools Closed for Students
- **February 1:** Start of the 2nd Semester and 3rd Quarter
- **February 4:** 2nd Semester Back to School Night @ 6:00 pm

Community Messages

FREE! Student Life Skills Classes Returning in January

Free and back by popular demand! HC DrugFree is offering another series of 15 Life Skills classes to begin on Wednesday, January 27. The evidence-based curriculum is for grades 6-9. We encourage siblings and friends to enroll together, so even if your student is younger or older, register them and participation will be confirmed. Classes taught on Zoom by adults and talented college and high school students. Students listen to trusted older students! For more information or to enroll, go to <https://hcdrugfree.org/2021/01/free-life-skills-classes-for-howard-county-students/> or contact Admin@hcdrugfree.org

Adults, are you IN THE KNOW?

HC DrugFree is dedicated to keeping Howard County youth and adults up to date on community health, medication disposal, drug and alcohol safety, substance misuse information and prevention, educational opportunities, and more. To sign up for the free newsletter, go to <https://hcdrugfree.org/enews-signup/>

CHS Football

The Centennial Football program will hold an interest meeting for all 8th graders interested in playing football this fall on **Wednesday, April 21 at 5:00pm**. Information will be provided regarding summer workouts, expectations, and the practice schedule for the fall. It is important that all players and parents attend this meeting if you are interested in participating in football this fall. Use the following google meet code to join the meeting: **CHS-Football**

William Martin
CHS Football Coach

Community News and Programs

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