

Dragon Tales

February 5, 2021

Subject: Reminder: Please complete survey by February 10 regarding in-person or virtual learning

HCPSS has extended the deadline for parents/guardians to make the commitment regarding sending their child to school for all or part of the week (depending on program availability) and receive virtual instruction the remainder of the week, or to have their child remain fully virtual for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

This extended deadline gives families additional time to review the answers to hundreds of [frequently asked questions about student in-person return](#) and [other student-related issues](#), as well as a comprehensive new Hybrid Learning document that will be shared with staff, students and families on February 5.

If you have not already done so, please [complete the two-question commitment form](#) in HCPSS Connect by **5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 10**.

If a parent/guardian does not complete the commitment form by the extended February 10 deadline, the system will **default to select that the student will remain virtual** for the remainder of the year.

Group E Students – 5 Day Requirement

We have received many questions from parents whose students were invited to participate in the Group E, 5-day option for in-person. Please refer to the [FAQ: In-Person 5 Day Requirement](#) for guidance.

Course Registration Reminder – February 3 thru February 15

This is a reminder; the registration window has opened for you to begin selecting your elective courses requests. The window will remain open through February 15, 2021. We would like to clarify the performing arts courses to help you in selecting the appropriate course for your child.

Below is our 7th and 8th grade performing arts options and the correct course numbers by grade:

Orchestra:

- 7th Grade - MU-220-1 - String Orchestra
- 8th Grade - MU-320-1- Chamber Orchestra

Band:

- 7th Grade - MU-200-1 - Symphonic Band
- 8th Grade - MU-300-1 - Wind Ensemble

Chorus:

- 7th Grade – MU-210-1 – Concert Chorus
- 8th Grade – MU-310-1 – Chamber Chorus

Please note, these courses may be changed once we finalize students' schedules in the performing arts. Changes are made based on your child's skill level and/or performance group by our band, orchestra and chorus teachers.

In addition, we also want to clarify our Physical Education program for next year. All students will take two quarters of PE, either in the 1st and 3rd quarters or in the 2nd and 4th quarters. You will see PE listed two times in your student's schedule to account for these two quarters of the class.

If there is anything that Mrs. Peppers and Mrs. Madison can do to support you in your student's registration, please feel free to contact either of them at ebony_peppers@hcpss.org or tiffany_madison@hcpss.org.

Quarter 2 Report Cards - Today @ 4:00 pm

Parents, you can access your child's Quarter 2 Report Cards on Friday, February 5, 2021.

Parents/guardians may view/download report cards by taking the following steps:

1. Log in to [HCPSS Connect](#) using your parent email and password
2. Select More Options from the left panel
3. Select Report Cards from the middle
4. Select the report card you wish to access

3rd Quarter Art – Material Distribution

DMS Students and Parents,

The Visual Art Team is hosting a material distribution at Dunloggin Middle School. The distribution will be on **February 10**, from **11-1pm**. This will be a contactless pick-up. Mr. Guest and Ms. Kleinberger will be out front of the building waiting to hand out the art materials.

Please know that our number one priority is to ensure the safety and well-being of every student, staff, and family member during this process. We ask that you adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Students and parents/guardians should remain in their cars during drop-off and pickup of materials. Students and parents/guardians who will walk/bike to the school should also adhere to social distancing expectations throughout the process and will be directed by HCPSS staff upon arrival.
2. Students and parents/guardians must wear masks and adhere to social distancing guidelines at all times.

We look forward to seeing everyone!

Stephen Guest
Art Teacher
Dunloggin Middle School
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Black History Month Book Club

Do you enjoy reading books that will change your life, if you let them? Do you like the idea of being a part of a community of like-minded, open-hearted people? Will you take this journey seriously, and have some fun too? If so, you have come to the right place!

Join us for a special Black History Month book club, featuring *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism and You* by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi. It is a remix of Kendi's *Stamped from the Beginning* created especially for middle and high school students. We will be discussing the book in three sections over the next three weeks. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, February 10 at 12:00 PM and the discussion will cover pages 1 - 66. We have 10 copies of the eBook in MackinVia. Join us using google meet code **dms-mgirma-bookclub**.

Please check out the DMS student resource page for more information about Black History Month.

<https://hcpss.instructure.com/courses/34467/pages/black-history-month>

DMS Picture Day

Individual Photos - By Appointment - February 24

Please click on the link and sign up for a time to have your picture taken in-person at Dunloggin Middle School. You must wear a protective face mask and comply with social distancing guidelines. Please wait in your car until it is your turn. We have scheduled 12 students per camera every 15 minutes (2 cameras = 24 students per 15 minutes).

- Use this [SignUpGenius \(Links to an external site.\)](#) to sign up for a picture time slot.

- Pictures will be taken in-person at Dunloggin Middle School. You must wear a protective face mask and comply with social distancing guidelines.
- Order Your School Picture Today on - mylifetouch.com using your Picture Day ID - EVTF3SJ38
- If you are not comfortable entering the school for your school picture you may upload a portrait:

How to submit your portrait in 3 easy steps

1. Take a selfie (see requirements)
2. Save it as a jpg or png file with your name, and grade (ex. Smith_Mary_6.jpg)
3. During your class time frame, upload it to <https://images.jostens.com/416174393>
4. 6th grade March 1, 2021 - March 7, 2021
 - 7th Grade March 8, 2021 - March 14, 2021
 - 8th grade March 15, 2021 - March 21, 2021

Order Your Yearbook Now!

To purchase a yearbook online, go to [Jostens Yearbooks](#)
Order by February 26 to get the discounted price of \$25.00!

SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Mrs. Madison and Mrs. Peppers would like to thank the students, teachers, PTA and parents for all the kind words, emails, and cards during **School Counselors' Week**. We really appreciate it!

Upcoming Events

- **February 5:** 2nd Qtr. Report Cards (available on HCPSS Connect)
- **February 12:** Schools Closed for Students
- **February 15:** President's Day, School Closed for Students
- **February 24:** DMS Picture Day (by appointment)

Community Messages

From Wilde Lake Students for Social Justice

Dear Students,

A group of Wilde Lake High School students has organized a movie night for the Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action. Black Lives Matter at School is a national group organizing for racial justice in education. The movie night will take place on **Friday, February 5th at 5:00 pm**.

There are two options of movies to watch. The first option is the movie *Our Friend, Martin*, rated TV-G. It is a one-hour movie that “offers highlights and lowlights of Martin Luther King Jr.’s life and work through the eyes of a group of middle-school classmates.” Before watching the movie, students will watch a movie short called *The Snowy Day*, rated for all. *The Snowy Day* features Peter, an African American boy, who explores his neighborhood after the season’s first snowfall. If you choose this option, the event will end at 6:30 pm and you can join using the Google Meet code **wlhs-justice**.

The second option is the movie *Selma*, rated PG-13. It is a two-hour movie “based on the 1965 Selma to Montgomery voting rights marches initiated and directed by James Bevel and led by Martin Luther King Jr., Hosea Williams, and John Lewis.” Before watching the movie, students will watch a movie short called *Cops and Robbers*, rated PG-13. In *Cops and Robbers*, “animation and activism unite in this multimedia spoken-word response to police brutality and racial injustice.” If you choose this option, the event will end at 7:30 pm and you can join using the Zoom information below:

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89535525158?pwd=SWRlbVJVSjFTZU01dHZWNnITbTh2QT09>
Meeting ID: 895 3552 5158
Passcode: 654570

After the movie, students will have the opportunity to participate in some discussion about the movie and will receive action steps they can take to be an ally to the black community. We hope that you can make it to the BLM Week of Action movie night. Thank you.

Marcy Leonard, Principal, Wilde Lake High School
On behalf of the Wilde Lake Students for Social Justice

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**

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

