

Dragon Tales
January 22, 2021

Quarter 3 Virtual Schedule Change Reversed

Please disregard the communication you received Wednesday regarding third quarter scheduling changes. At the Thursday, January 21 Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Michael J. Martirano reversed the earlier announcement regarding schedules for the third quarter of the 2020-2021 school year and announced that no changes are being made to student schedules at this time. [Sample student schedules](#) for all grade levels is provided online.

Semester 2 Schedules

Thursday, January 28 marks the end of second quarter and the halfway point of the 2020-2021 school year. There is no school for students on Friday, January 29. On Monday, February 1, students will begin Semester 2. You can view your student's new schedule on [HCPSS Connect](#).

From the Desk of Ms. Han

Thank you to all the families who have been staying connected and sending in photos of what has been happening around the community and within your families.

If you have a picture or video to share, please submit any media to the following [Google form](#). Your images and videos can be used in the video announcements, yearbook, and other school programs.

We love staying connected!

P.S. Please check to make sure the link works. If it doesn't here it is in its entirety.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSesWJJhyiNCUO6B1w1oCb0bqeb46jDxF2luXYZCQ Ss5Mmzo9g/viewform?usp=sf_link

From the DMS Yearbook Staff

The DMS Yearbook Staff really needs your help. We are creating a page on 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 and upload pictures for any or all the pages, and also 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 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**

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