Dragon Tales January 29, 2021

Rising 7th & 8th Grade Course Registration is HERE!

On **Monday**, **February 1**, during Flex Time, rising 7th & 8th graders will view the screencast of the Course Registration presentation. It is imperative all students join their Flex Time/SEL group on Monday at 10:50 am to view this very important message. The course registration window will open **February 3** through **February 15** for parents to review course recommendations and elective course options in Synergy.

The counselors will email Course Selection letters to our rising 7th & 8th grades students and families on **Monday**, **February 1**. This letter will help guide you and your student through the selection of a yearlong fine arts class or elective class for the 2021-2022 school year. Registration for these courses will be available online from **February 3**, to **February 15**. Registration details can be found in the Course Selection letter.

Semester 2 Schedules

On Monday, February 1, students will begin Semester 2. You can view your student's new schedule on <u>HCPSS Connect</u>. Click on the Class Schedule tab and then select Quarter 3. Students will receive a welcome message in Canvas from their second semester teachers. Students can find the new Google Meet Codes in their Canvas page.

Quarter 2 Report Cards

Parents, you will be able to 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

Update on Return to In-Person Learning

As stated in Dr. Martirano' community message this afternoon, he shared an update on planning that is underway following the unexpected announcement made last week by the Governor and State Superintendent about <u>hybrid instruction</u>. Immediately following that announcement, staff worked quickly to develop and refine a hybrid model. On January 26, the Board of Education <u>approved a hybrid model and implementation timeline</u>.

The dates for students whose parents opt for them to return in person are:

- Week of March 1: Students identified for a 5-days-per-week program (including, but not limited to students receiving Special Education services, those who were identified for the HCPSS small group program earlier in the year, and others as identified by school administrators) return to school
- Week of March 15: Students in grades prekindergarten, Kindergarten, 1 and 2 return to school
- Week of March 29: Students in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 12, and those who participate in Career and Technical Education at ARL return to school
- Week of April 12: Students in grades 7, 8, 10 and 11 return to school

Complete Return-to-School Survey by Friday, February 5

HCPSS will begin a phased-in transition to a hybrid instructional model beginning March 1. By Friday, February 5, parents/guardians must make a decision to send their child to school for 1-2 days per week and receive virtual instruction the remainder of the week, or to have their child remain fully virtual for the remainder of the school year. Certain student groups including, but not limited to, students receiving Special Education services and others requiring additional learning support, will have the opportunity to receive in-school learning on 5 days per week. All parents/guardians have the option to have their child continue virtual learning full time for the remainder of the current school year. <u>Click here</u> for more information.

To prepare for this transition, HCPSS requests that parents/guardians complete a two-question survey by **4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 5** with your decision.

See directions below for accessing this form. **Please complete by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 5.** Please contact the front office at 410-313-6929 if you require assistance completing the form.

To complete the form:

- 1. Log in to <u>HCPSS Connect</u>
- 2. Select More Options from the left panel
- 3. Select "In-Person Commitment" from the middle of the page
- 4. Complete the questions in the form for each child and select "Save"

DMS Celebrates Black History Month

February is Black History Month and Dunloggin Middle School is embarking on a journey to uplift and explore thirty unsung black heroes from around the world. The students will have an opportunity to learn how their contributions influenced change in their community and the world.

National School Counseling Week – February 1-5

Let's celebrate our magnificent school counselors. They go above and beyond to support our students and their families. Next week, please take a moment to send a note, thank you card, or e-Message to Ms. Peppers (Ebony_Peppers@hcpss.org) and Ms. Tiffany_Madison@hcpss.org.

DMS Picture Day is Coming!

When: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 Where: Dunloggin Middle School

Order your school pictures today on mylifetouch.com using your Picture Day ID – EVTF3SJ38.

See attached flyer for details. Lifetouch Picture Day Flyer

Please click on the link and sign-up for times to take your picture in-person at Dunloggin Middle School.

SignUpGenius- https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a4da5af2ba4fa7-order

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 every 15 minutes per camera (2 cameras/24 students per 15 minutes.

Order Your Yearbook Now!

To purchase a yearbook online, go to <u>Jostens Yearbooks</u> Order by **February 26** to get the discounted price of \$25.00!

Upcoming Events

- **February 1:** Start of the 2nd Semester and 3rd Quarter
- February 1-5: National School Counseling Week
- February 1-5: Black Lives Matter Week
- February 4: 2nd Semester Back to School Night @ 6:00 pm

- February 3-15: Course Registration Window
- February 5: Parent Return to School In-Person Survey Due

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: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89535525158?pwd=SWRlbVJVSjFTZU01dHZWNnlTbTh2QT09</u> 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 <u>publicinfo@hcpss.org</u>.

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

For other Community News visit our website <u>www.dms.hcpss.org</u>