

HRMS NEWSLETTER

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December/January 2018



Dear HRMS Families:

Thank you to the hundreds of parents who took time to visit with our teachers on Parent-Teacher Conference Day. We were able to schedule over three thousand check in conferences. As we head into trimester 2 we wanted to provide some information and resources for you to consider when supporting your child's learning. Contained within this newsletter are examples of ways that teachers offer support and resources to be used at home. Adolescence is a time when children begin to seek out independence and separation from their parents. It is important to maintain a strong connection to your child's academics.

We recommend monitoring your child's progress and there are some effective ways to do so. First, make sure you are checking your child's grades and attendance via Powerschool. A weekly check can help ensure everyone is on the same page. While access is available at anytime a weekly check allows for healthy discussions and check ins. Students should also check their PowerSchool accounts a few times per week. Parents should ask their child to provide their login information to their Google Drive account. This access will allow parents to see much of their work, Google Classroom sites, assignments etc. Accessing Google Drive can be done from any computer or internet connected device. If you or your child have a question about a grade it is often helpful to have the child approach the teacher first. This allows for students to begin to develop self advocacy skills and to take personal responsibility for their learning. Follow up between the adults then can follow if needed. If you are concerned about overall progress a call to the guidance counselor may help in developing further plans.

We look forward to partnering with you and supporting the growth of all learners.

Sincerely,

Adam Federico

HRMS Principal

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Project HAWK

During November HRMS Project engaged in community service activities to reinforce kindness, compassion and empathy for all. Students all worked on creating placemats, napkin holders and cards to help support the Ma Dukes Thanksgiving Dinner.

HRMS will continue to work to ensure that our school is a positive and supportive learning environment. Project HAWK is a bullying prevention program at the Holten Richmond Middle School, which strives to create a safe and positive community where everyone feels welcomed and accepted. Project HAWK meets monthly and helps students the ability to make safe and healthy decisions. We work to ensure that students feel confident in standing up for themselves and one another. This program also ensures a strong reporting culture where students can seek out help from adults.



Sample Parent Resources- Supporting our students at home

Grade 8 Endicott ELA- Check out Ms. Beecher's ELA Google Classroom for an running log of homework assignments

Grade 8 Mathematics- Mr. Gregerick recommends the book, *Math on Call*. We will have some available in our main office for parents to check out as well.

HRMS Health Education- [Parent Conversation Starter & Information about Vaping](#)

Grade 7 ELA- [Supporting your 7th Grade Writer](#)

Grade 7 ELA- [Supporting Writing in the 7th Grade](#)

From Mrs. Woo in the HRMS Library- [Supporting your Child's Reading](#)

Grade 6 Math- The 6th Grade math teachers have created lessons for students who have not mastered targeted skills. The assignments include videos or other lesson material and practice problems. Check the 'Classwork' section of Google Classroom and look for assignments in the 'Prep for Retakes' topic. These helpful videos are in the student's Google Classroom depending on the specific standard so everyone gets what they need.

Staying connected to HRMS

Every Friday we send out a weekly update via email to all families. Also, events, important dates and key information are always available on our website. Please check our calendar often to stay up to date. We also use Twitter to send out daily events and information. Our Twitter feed is a great way to find out when clubs and activities are meeting. It is on our website if you do not use Twitter. Furthermore, you can receive “tweets” via text message. Directions are posted on our website. Finally do not forget to download the Danvers Public Schools App for your smartphone.

[READ MORE ON OUR WEBSITE](#)

Upcoming Events

Report Cards Sent Home 12/20/18

HRMS School Council 12/18/18 3pm-3:45pm

WINTER BREAK 12/22/18-1/1/19

DHS Visits with the 8th Graders 1/17 at 1pm

**Danvers HS Information Night(for 8th grade parents) January
23, 2018 at 7pm**

****Check out calendar for all info.****

Chromebook Update

Here are some important reminders to help your child use their chromebook effectively. First, help remind your student to charge his/her chromebook each night. If your child’s chromebook is not working properly have them bring it to the technology office located next to the main office. It will be assessed by the technology department and a loaner can be borrowed for the day. Students will be given another chromebook for permanent usage once it is evaluated. If a student does not have a chromebook at home please note that all of their work and classes can be accessed by logging in on any internet connected device on the Google homepage. Often times a hard restart, performed by holding down the power button for 30-40 seconds, can fix many issues.

Magazine Drive

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cook, newlywed, new parent, or someone else?

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