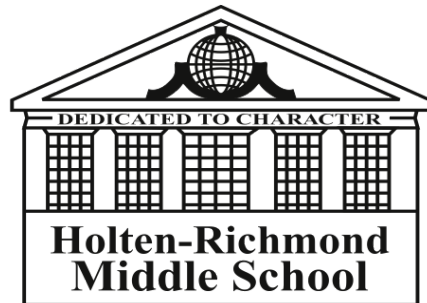


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HRMS

Caregiver News and Information



New Trimester

Next week will mark the start of Trimester 2. As we begin the next phase of the school year I would like to remind everyone of the importance of being in school and on time for school. There are a number of illnesses going around that might cause students to be ill for several days. COVID can still require students to miss as many as five days. Due to this factor it is extremely important for your child to be in school when they are well enough to attend. Student absences can accumulate quickly if a student is sick and then misses additional days that are not related to illness. Starting this trimester we will be sending out attendance letters to inform families when their child has accrued 5 or more absences. In addition, we will be developing plans with families to help improve the outcomes for students who are struggling with attendance.

Finally, we have a large number of students who are struggling to arrive at school on time. The drop-off circle and related traffic contribute to this problem. As we head into the winter months and more of our walking students get rides to school it will only make this issue worse. If you are driving your child to school, please do your best to leave a little earlier so you can avoid the traffic and reduce the likelihood that they will be tardy. If you are struggling to get your child going in the morning, please reach out to us so that we can give you help if you need it.


Thank You,
Brendan Norton
Principal

DECA Toys for Tots Dance

Two DECA students at the high school have organized a dance for our 7th and 8th grade students in order to bring in new toys for Toys for Tots. The dance will have a winter theme and the dress will be casual (the same clothes students would wear to school). The Dance will be held on December 9th from 7 to 9pm. Entrance is free with a new unopened toy. In order to get a sense of how many students will attend the dance please have your child fill out this google [form](#). This form will close on **Tuesday!**

Screenings

Beginning in January the health office will conduct their screenings. Grade six and grade eight will have postural screenings. Seventh grade students will have BMI (Body Mass Index), vision/hearing and postural screenings. If you wish to opt your child out of any of the screenings please email the school nurses (meghanpaul@danvers.org or nicolewilson@danvers.org). Make sure to specify which screening(s) you want to opt out of with your child's name. Below is the link with the information regarding the postural screenings. Please call or email the nurses, Meghan Paul or Nicole Wilson, with any questions or concerns.

 [Copy of Postural Screening Letter for Parents.doc](#)

Turkey Trot

Our final total is \$15,950. Nice work everyone! Thank you all for your help supporting the HRMS PAC.

From The HRMS PAC

- We have reopened the slush form. Slush is in two weeks on 12/16 and if anyone is interested in prepaying for slush the link to the form is here: <https://forms.gle/4Jd4dRFKeFHcBm5i9>
- The last day to order Charleston Wrap is TODAY Friday [December 2nd](#).
- Spirit Wear pickup will be on Wednesday Dec 14th from 6:30-8p during our PAC meeting which is at the school also on the 14th and starts at 7pm

Lost and Found

Please be sure to encourage your student to check our overflowing Lost & Found for any missing items such as coats, sweatshirts, water bottles, or lunch boxes. The Lost & Found will be emptied and all items donated during the holiday break. Pictures of the lost and found items are [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

Bike Safety

Bike safety has been an issue for many of our students. Officer Skane, our SRO, wanted me to share this information with our families. You can read his letter [here](#).

Yearbook Information

Holten Richmond Middle School is thrilled to partner with TreeRing yearbooks this school year. You can create a free account, take a look at the website, and easily purchase your copy. <https://www.treering.com/purchase?PassCode=1016643834104458>

From Danvers Food Services

I can't believe it is already November! I am sharing the link to our [Google order form](#) for parents to pre-order a grab and go lunch for their elementary and middle school students for the Wednesday

before Thanksgiving. The meal choices are a ham and cheese sandwich, or a bagel meal. Parents must submit their order by 10:00 pm on Monday 11/21.

Art Show Information

The Art Department will be collecting artwork submissions on the last Wednesday of each month, now through April 2023. Artwork can be 2D or 3D and all sizes and mediums are welcome. Work must be original and school appropriate. Artwork Information must be completed and attached to work. For the flier click [here](#).

Substitute Teaching

If you have ever been interested in being a substitute teacher or are interested in exploring teaching as a career, please consider signing up with ESS to be a sub in the district. You can follow the [link](#) to look into the opportunity.

Frequently Asked Questions/Parent & Student "How To" Guides

Ever wonder if your student needs a note to be dismissed for an appointment? Do you need to walk them in if they're coming in late? Find answers to those and other Frequently Asked Questions in our HRMS Parent & Student "How To" Guides, available on our website [here](#).

Important Dates For This Week

Monday December 5th - Start of Trimester 2

Wednesday December 7th - Early Release

Important Dates Coming Up

Wednesday December 14th - PAC Meeting 7:00 pm

Important dates can also be found on our HRMS calendar at <https://danverspublicschools.org/holten-richmond/calendar/> and more information on our HRMS website at <https://danverspublicschools.org/holten-richmond/>