

1/6/23-1/13/23

HRMS

Caregiver News and Information



This week

Let me start off by wishing you and your family a happy New Year. While 2022 presented its own challenges, I want to lean into gratitude. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with all of you on our shared goal of helping our wonderful students as they learn and grow. We are not able to be successful without the collaboration and support of our families.

We had a very good first week back from break. It was great to see all of the students again. As we start fresh in 2023, we look forward to recommitting to our goals in this new year. On Thursday, we met with each grade level to refresh and reset school expectations for all students. The students did an excellent job during these assemblies. We are hopeful that it will set a positive and productive tone for the remainder of the school year. Additionally, this week we had two visits by the superintendent finalists. We have one more to follow on Monday, January 9th.

Thank You,
Brendan Norton
Principal

MLK Celebration Event

The Human Rights & Inclusion Committee invites you to join their Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Event on Monday, January 16th from 4-6 PM at the High School Atrium. There will be artwork that was produced by our middle school students.


HRMS Students will display the following at the MLK Day Celebration:

- 7th Grade AYA--Peace Posters.
- 8th Grade AYA & Trimester Art Students--Mixed Media Humanitarian Quotes/Silhouettes
- 6th Grade Art--Mixed Media civil & human rights "Lights" from history

Screenings

Beginning in January, the Health Office will conduct their health screenings. Grade 6 and grade 8 will have postural screenings. 7th 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](#)

Backpacks

In addition to our 7th graders, our 6th and 8th graders are now using their backpacks to carry their school belongings during the school day. Students are no longer using their lockers between classes. Students may use their lockers for storing their coats and lunches at the beginning of the day. They will have an opportunity to get items from their lockers at lunch as well as being able to retrieve their belongings at the end of the day. This program was piloted in 7th grade during the 1st trimester. The 7th grade teams found it helped students spend less time in the halls between classes and almost completely eliminated the need for students to leave during class. Due to the success of the 7th grade, we have decided to expand the use of backpacks to the entire school. If your child does not have a backpack and you need help getting one, please let me know. I realize any change, both big and small, can be uncomfortable for both students and adults but we appreciate your support as we adjust policies to improve the school day experience.

Lacrosse Registration

Danvers Youth Lacrosse has begun its registration. For more information on registering for lacrosse please click on the [link](#).

From The HRMS PAC

We still have some Spirit Wear that has not been picked up. Please come in between 2:15 PM and 4:00 PM to pick up your items. In addition, our next PAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 11th at 7:00 PM. I hope to see you there.

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>

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](#).

CORI Form

If you need to fill out a CORI for HRMS you can access the form [here](#). Once you have filled out the form you may take it to Janet Ingraham in the Superintendent's Office. They will need to take a copy of the front and back of your license, so please make sure you have it with you

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, January 9th - MLK Celebration 4-6 pm Danvers High Atrium

Wednesday, January 11th - PAC Meeting HRMS 7 pm Conference Room

Important Dates Coming Up

Tuesday, January 17th - 6th Grade Band and Chorus Concert 6:30 pm

Wednesday, January 18th - 7th Grade Band and Chorus Concert 6:30 pm

Thursday, January 19th - 8th Grade Band and Chorus Concert 6:30 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/>