

# HCMS News

October 9, 2020

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## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS AND IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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### MAP ASSESSMENT

The MAP Math assessment will be administered on Wednesday, October 14 at 9:00 a.m. (7th Grade Algebra students, 8th grade Algebra students, and 8th Grade Geometry students are exempt from the MAP Math assessment). To learn more about the MAP assessment, please visit: <https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/common-questions-families/>.

If your child is unable to attend, make-up testing will be offered during asynchronous learning times. Students will be testing in their Cougar Time Groups and should use the same Google Meet information that they use for that class each Monday.

Please reach out to Ms. Terry at [kristin\\_terry@hcpss.org](mailto:kristin_terry@hcpss.org) if you have any questions.

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### SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS FOR SCHEDULED EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS

The HCPSS 2020-2021 calendar includes four scheduled 3-hour early dismissal days:

- Friday, October 16, 2020
- Friday, November 6, 2020
- Monday, November 23, 2020
- Tuesday, November 24, 2020

The virtual schedules have been adjusted for these scheduled early dismissal days to provide students with synchronous learning for each class. Click to view the adjusted [3-Hour Early Dismissal Schedule](#) for middle school students.

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### **UPDATE YOUR FAMILY FILE**

Thank you to everyone who has already updated their Family File. We currently have 45% completion! HCPSS uses Family File for parents/guardians to provide emergency information. **Parents/guardians must verify and/or update information annually for each child** and can do so by logging in to [HCPSS Connect](#) and selecting the Family File tab and then clicking on Family File.

Once logged in, parents/guardians will be asked to provide or update the following information:

- Student information
- Parent/guardian contact
- Emergency contacts
- Medical information
- Arrival/dismissal procedures
- Media release (photo approval)
- Data confidentiality
- PTA/PTSA directory

Changes of address may not be made through Family File. If you have recently moved, please contact your child's school as soon as possible.

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### **PURCHASE A WLHS MASK**

The WLHS Classes of 2021 and 2022 have worked very hard designing masks to show WLHS pride. The cost is \$12.00 for one mask or \$20.00 for two masks.

[Use this link](#) to view the designs and to purchase online. Thank you for your support!

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### **MEDIA CENTER NEWS**

Book curbside pick-up and return will begin on Wednesday, October 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. In the meantime, visit the library page on the HCMS Student Resource course so you can set up your library account in order to place books on hold online. Once you set up your account, you can start placing HOLDS on books you would like and pick them up beginning October 21. Please email [nicole\\_cathirell@hcpss.org](mailto:nicole_cathirell@hcpss.org) if you have any questions. Happy Reading!

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### **PARENT WORKSHOP SERIES**

HCPSS and the Council of Elders have partnered to sponsor a parent workshop series for the 2020-2021 school year. The first workshop, *Effective Home and School Communication*, will be held virtually on Saturday, October 17 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. Additional details are forthcoming. View the [flier](#) for more information.

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### **UPCOMING DATES**

10/14/20 MAP Assessment-Math  
10/16/20 Schools close 3 hours early  
11/03/20 Schools and offices closed, Election Day  
11/06/20 Schools close 3 hours early, End of 1st Quarter

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### **CONTINUING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### **HCMS ATTENDANCE POLICIES & PROCEDURES FOR DISTANCE LEARNING**

Please email your absence notes/questions to: [HCMSabsence@hcpss.org](mailto:HCMSabsence@hcpss.org). The email should include the child's name, the date(s) or period(s) (if absence is a partial day) of the absence, and the reason for the absence. The email must be received within 5 days of the absence.

For Discretionary Absences (up to 3 per school year), please complete the [linked form](#) and email it to: [HCMSabsence@hcpss.org](mailto:HCMSabsence@hcpss.org).

For Religious Observances, please complete the [linked form](#) and email to: [HCMSabsence@hcpss.org](mailto:HCMSabsence@hcpss.org).

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### **FARMS APPLICATIONS**

Applications for the [Free and Reduced Meals program](#) for the school year 2020-2021 are available online in multiple languages and paper copies are available at all meal sites.

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### **FREE STUDENT MEALS**

The [food services program during the first semester](#) of the 2020-2021 school year will consist of free Grab-and-Go meals served Monday through Friday from 8:00-9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. at all schools except Burleigh Manor Middle School and Hammond High School. Meals are free for all students through December.

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## **FUNDRAISING PROGRAMS**

### Harris Teeter Together in Education

Harris Teeter's Together In Education program gives schools a chance to earn funds when you link your VIC card and shop Harris Teeter brands. When you shop Harris Teeter brands, a percentage of your purchase is donated to the school that your VIC card is linked to. There are NO LIMITS to how much a school can earn. Register your VIC card to our SCHOOL ID# 7984.

### Clothing to Cash

Please donate to our Clothing to Cash fundraising program! Clothing to Cash is a textile recycling program that donates money to the school for every pound of donated items. Look for the white donation bin at the bottom of the Harper's Choice Middle School parking lot.

Clothing to Cash will accept items in ALL conditions: new with tags, or torn, stained, worn-out knees, shoes with holes or only one shoe, backpacks, old sheets, stuffed animals, and more. What a great way to help our school and clean out your closets! All donations must be bagged and put in the collection bin.

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## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please visit the [Community News and Programs](#) page on the HCPSS website for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.