



## October 2019 Newsletter

# Hanson Middle School

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It's hard to believe that we are beginning our 6<sup>th</sup> week of school! The time has certainly flown by. There are some wonderful things happening both in and outside of the classrooms. I am so proud of the great work that our students and teachers are doing.

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Progress Reports will be available online on Infinite Campus Portal on Wednesday November 7. As a reminder, the portal will be closed to parent viewing the week prior to Progress Reports.

I am looking for volunteers to serve on the School Council. If you are interested, our first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 9 at 3:00 pm. Please contact Mrs. Laferriere in the main office.

The administration and staff of Hanson Middle school are committed to a safe and secure environment and a positive learning experience for all of our students. Mr. Belvis and I held class meetings at the beginning of the year to review the state's bullying laws as well as consequences resulting from students resorting to violence.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Bill Tranter, Principal



### Upcoming Events

**Tuesday October 1** – 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Camp Burgess

**Wednesday October 9** - Picture retake Day

**Wednesday October 9** – School Council 3:00 pm

**Monday October 14** - No School Columbus Day

**Friday October 18** – Early Release 11:00 A.M. - Professional Development

**Friday October 25** – Hanson Police - Halloween Dance 6:30- 9:00 pm

### Community Events

**Whitman Hanson SEPAC**  
Tuesday October 8, 6:00 p.m.

**School Committee Meeting**  
October 9, 7:00 p.m.





Summer is officially over and fall has arrived which means one thing... We are all back in school mode and ready to have a successful year! Although each child is different and learns differently, here are a couple of things that you can do at home to help your child be their best this year. ~Ms. Levy

How can I help my child **SUCCEED** in school?

Stay involved and feel free to contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.

Do not talk negatively about your child's teacher or school.

Make sure your child is getting plenty of sleep and is ready for school each day.

Help your child with his/her homework every night.

Ask your children about school and encourage them to talk about their day.

Read with your child every night.

Teach your children to be responsible for their actions and their schoolwork.

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## News from the Guidance Office

**Grade 8 parents...** some dates for your calendar (yes, it's already time to start thinking about high school!)

### **Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, Period 4**

Presentation about Whitman-Hanson Regional High School & South Shore Vocational Technical High School  
(Students only)

### **Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

Open House at SSVT  
(Students and Parents/Guardians)

### **Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 PM**

Open House at Whitman-Hanson Regional High School (Performing Arts Center)  
(Students and Parents/Guardians)

**Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM** – WHRHS Curriculum Night at WHRHS  
(for parents of 8<sup>th</sup> graders)

## Halloween Dance - Sponsored by The Hanson Police Department

School Resource Officer Harrington along with the Hanson Police Department are hosting a Halloween Dance on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at Hanson Middle School from 6:30-9:00PM. The event is open to all Hanson Middle School students. Tickets are \$10 and will be sold at the door. There will be a DJ and prizes will be awarded for best costumes! Any parents interested in chaperoning, or donating snacks or beverages, please contact Officer Harrington at [dharrington@hansonpolice.org](mailto:dharrington@hansonpolice.org).



### *From The Assistant Principal*

Afterschool activities are off to a great start! Please remember that students should be picked up by 3:50.

As a reminder, please be sure to review our attendance and tardy policies. Students should be prepared for the start of the school day by **7:35** and should be in homeroom by 7:40 to avoid being marked tardy. If a bus is running late, homeroom teachers will be notified and students will not be marked tardy. Attendance at school is expected of all children on a regular basis. If your child will be absent, please call the school absent line prior to 10:00 A.M. at (781) 618-7375.

Pursuant to Chapter 222 Acts of 2012: The school will notify parents or guardians in the event that a student has missed 5 or more school days, unexcused, in a school year, requesting a meeting to develop action steps for student attendance.

As mentioned during Open House and at assemblies with students, we have 1 to 1 access to Chromebooks. Students should not be using personal electronic devices during the school day. If you need to get ahold of your child, please call the office. Students can also use the phone in the office to call home if necessary.

## **HMS Picture Re-Take Day**

Picture retake will take place on **Wednesday October 9.**

# **SCHOOL NURSE NEWS**



Now that we are well into our new school year, I want to remind parents that if your child needs to take medicine during the school day or has an emergency medication (such as an inhaler or an epi pen), parent authorization and doctor order forms need to be renewed each school year. Please be sure to have these forms completed to bring when you deliver the medication to school. **If you have not yet brought in your child's emergency medication, please do so as soon as possible.** In addition, it is important that you inform the school nurse about any medical and/or health concerns that your child has that may impact his/her school day. If your child has sustained an injury, we must have a note from the doctor stating the child's physical limitations including being excused from gym and an order for the use of assistive devices such as crutches or a wheelchair.

## **ATTENTION PARENTS OF GRADE 7 STUDENTS:**

All students entering grade 7 are required by Massachusetts Department of Public Health to submit a current physical exam and an updated immunization record. The school nurse is responsible for ensuring that all grade 7 students are in compliance with MA DPH regulations for immunizations. If you haven't already sent these forms in to the school nurse please do so **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

## **PROTECT YOUR CHILD AGAINST THE FLU!!!**

**\*\* Now is a great time for you and your children to get flu shots as flu season is approaching. \*\***

Here is a link to flu information from the CDC:

<https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2016/12/nc/the-flu-guide-for-parents.pdf>

Thank you,

Lisa Godbout, M.Ed., BSN, RN

HMS School Nurse

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## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington D.C trip**

The deadline to sign up for the trip was September 30, 2019. We have been given an extension to October 15, 2019. After this date you will be placed on a wait list. When you sign up for the trip you will be able to pay in monthly installments. The sooner you sign up the lower the monthly payment will be. The cost of the trip is \$1070 and is all-inclusive (meals, transportation, and lodging). We currently have 85 students signed up. If you are interested in selling chocolate to help defray the cost please contact Mrs. Laferriere in the main office for details.

**How to enroll:** Go to [EFExploreAmerica.com/Enroll](http://EFExploreAmerica.com/Enroll) and enter our group's tour number: 2266593CE

**Phone:** Call the EF Explore America Traveler Support Team at 1-888-333-9756

On Thursday October 31 Hanson Middle will be presenting a Camfel 3 Screen School Assembly. Camfel is a non-profit organization that specializes in creating innovating character building programs to help students make the right decisions when facing difficult choices. This program will be shown to all middle school students in the district.

## Go Viral!

### Theme: Kindness—Social Media—Citizenship

#### Three-Screen School Assembly for Grades 5—8

Our brains seem to be hardwired to desire connection with others. Social media makes those connections easier than ever before and provides many ways to connect with people, not only those around us, but around the world. However, research indicates, that despite all the advances in technology, people today feel less connected than 30 years ago.

We attempt to connect with others by seeking digital pats on the back, likes, smiles, and hearts. We work hard to expand our lists of friends on various social media platforms believing that this will help us feel connected, important, wanted and accepted. Unfortunately, after doing all this work, too many end up feeling more isolated, rejected and alone. Some cope with this pain of isolation and rejection by resorting to smoking, vaping, drugs or alcohol. Others are motivated to bully and criticize others in their attempts to feel better about themselves.

**GO VIRAL!** is a 40 minute multi-media experience from Camfel Productions designed to challenge students to make real connections. Cell phones and social media have altered how we communicate today in some amazing ways. These fabulous tools are incredibly useful for navigating through life today. However, too many students are abusing these tools as well. Social media is filled with misleading information or students posting images seeking affirmation via hearts, likes and smiles. Some even use social media as a way to bully and criticize others to build themselves up. GO VIRAL is designed to motivate students to act responsibly within the social media world. They'll be challenged to post more real and encouraging comments. They'll be inspired to seek out face to face encounters and GO VIRAL with kind words and a smile. GO VIRAL will help students gain a new sense of their own innate worth, they'll grow to appreciate the diversity of race, language, and culture that make up the community in which they live.



## Hanson Middle School Student Store 2019

Orders will be filled after the store closes on 10/15 and be delivered 2-3 weeks later!

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://hansonmiddle.itemorder.com>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: Tuesday October 15th, 2019 (11:59pm EDT)

<p>Gildan Adult/Youth Heavy Cotton 100% Cotton T-Shirt</p>  <p>3 Colors \$10.00</p>	<p>Gildan Adult/Youth Ultra Cotton® Long Sleeve T-Shirt</p>  <p>3 Colors \$15.00</p>	<p>Gildan Adult/Youth Heavy Blend Hooded Sweatshirt</p>  <p>3 Colors \$25.00</p>	<p>Team 365 Men's/Youth Zone Performance Tee</p>  <p>3 Colors \$23.00</p>	<p>Team 365 Men's/Youth Zone Performance Long Sleeve T-Shirt</p>  <p>3 Colors \$26.00</p>	<p>Port Authority Adult/Youth Value Fleece Jacket</p>  <p>3 Colors \$34.00</p>
<p>Port Authority Adult/Youth Value Fleece Vest</p>  <p>2 Colors \$30.00</p>	<p>Gildan Adult/Youth Heavy Blend 8 oz., 50/50 Sweatpants</p>  <p>3 Colors \$25.00</p>	<p>JERZEES Adult/Youth NuBlend® Open Bottom Pant with Pockets</p>  <p>2 Colors \$25.00</p>	<p>Sport-Tek Adult/Youth Posicharge Classic Mesh Short</p>  <p>2 Colors \$15.00</p>	<p>Sport-Tek Ladies Sport-Wick Stretch 1/2-Zip Pullover</p>  <p>3 Colors \$38.00</p>	<p>Sport-Tek Stripe Pom Pom Beanie</p>  <p>2 Colors \$22.00</p>

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