



## October 2020 Newsletter

# Hanson Middle School

<http://www.whrsd.k12.ma.us>

781-618-7575 – Main Office

781-618-7375 – Absentee Line

781-618-7470 – COVID 19 Line

It is good to be back in school. Students and staff has transitioned to and becoming familiar with our new normal. 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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 November 4 at 2:30 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. As we strive to maintain a safe and healthy school environment, please refrain from dropping off left behind items (lunches, notebook, water bottles, phones, etc.) at school. We must account for all visitors to the school for contact tracing purposes.

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

Bill Tranter, Principal



### Upcoming Events

**Monday October 12** - No School  
Columbus Day

**Tuesday October 20** – Picture  
Day for Cohort A

**Thursday October 22** – Picture  
Day for Cohort B

### Community Events

**School Committee Meeting**  
October 14, 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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## *From The Assistant Principal*

Things look a bit different this year, but we are off to a great start! Students and staff are all happy to be back.

Please be sure to review our attendance and tardy policies. On in-person days, attendance is taken when students are in homeroom. 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.

On remote days, for grades 6-8, student attendance for the day will be taken during the check-in periods at 1:20 and 1:45. Grade 5 attendance is taken during their Science or Social Studies class at noon. If students do not show up they will be marked absent for the day.

Attendance is expected of all children on a regular basis, on both in-person and remote days. 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.

## **HMS Picture Day**

Picture day will take place on **Tuesday October 20 and Thursday October 22**. You will be receiving another email in the next week or so with all of the information and safety protocols that will be in place. For student who are remote we have set-up an appointment schedule for you to bring your child to their designated school for the opportunity to have them photographed for their 2020-2021 School Pictures.

Log on to the district website at [www.whrsd.org](http://www.whrsd.org) and select the "For Parents" link at the top, then from the drop-down menu select "Parent/Teacher Conferences". Click on the "Meet the Teacher" link for your child's designated school. Fill in the details on the screen to schedule your appointment. You will need to enter your details such as first name, last name and the email you have on file with us. In addition you will need to enter your child's details such as first name, last name and date of birth. Once logged in you will be able to make an appointment for your child's portrait as a designated date and time.

# SCHOOL NURSE NEWS



## ABSENCES:

- Please remember to call the absence sick line (781-618-7375) or the nurse directly to report your student absent and be sure to include the reason for absence. I will be following up with phone calls to parents/guardians for any student absence that is not called in.
- Additionally, please call the nurse directly to notify of any absences related to a COVID-19 matter.
- The District has also established a COVID-19 phone line, 781-618-7450 for COVID related questions.

## REMINDERS

- Please make sure to complete the **Annual Student Health Update Form** and return to school as soon as possible.
- Parents of **GRADE 7 students**: If you have not done so already, please send in your child's current physical form and immunization record so I can confirm immunization compliance per state law for all grade 7 students.
- Flu vaccine is now required for **ALL STUDENTS** starting with this school year. Students must receive the influenza vaccine for the current season by December 31, 2020. Please be sure to send in documentation to the nurse that your child received the flu vaccine or documentation of a medical or religious exemption for this vaccine.
- **Medication at school** – The Medication Authorization Form needs to be completed by parent and prescribing doctor in order for me to accept the medicine at school. Please be sure to bring this completed form when dropping off medication to me. Some doctor's may use their own order forms, but the student information and parent section of the Medication Authorization Form still needs to be completed and brought in with the medicine as well. There is a link on the health services site to download this form.

- **Injuries/Restrictions:** If your child has sustained an injury, we must have a note from the doctor stating the child's physical limitations/restrictions, including a gym excuse note and order for the use of assistive devices such as crutches or a wheelchair.

Thank you and as always please contact me with any questions or concerns,

Lisa Godbout, M.Ed., BSN, RN  
HMS School Nurse  
781-618-8761

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

Unfortunately due to the Covid -19 Pandemic we will not be running the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington D.C. We understand that many students will be disappointed however our first concern is the health and safety of the students and teachers who would be traveling. At this time the best course of action is to cancel the trip for this school year.

**ANNUAL ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION LETTER  
For School Year 2020-2021**

October 1, 2020

Re: Annual Notification of AHERA Management Plan

Dear Parents, Teachers, Employee Organizations, Building Occupants and Legal Guardians of Children:

In accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) regulations concerning notification of plan availability, please be advised that copies of our District's Asbestos Management Plans are available online at [www.whrsd.org](http://www.whrsd.org) under Central Administration tab -> District Departments -> Facilities then select Facilities Documents. Plans are also available in our District Central Office during normal operating hours.

The management plans are site-specific guidance documents that the District must follow in managing the asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM) present in some of the district schools. The plan is updated to keep it current with on-going operations and maintenance, periodic inspections and response action activities. In compliance with 40 CFR, 763, subpart E to Appendix C, Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA).

Any inquiries regarding the management of asbestos containing materials in our schools should be directed to our district's AHERA Designated Person Ernest Sandland, Director of Facilities, who can be reached at [ernest.sandland@whrsd.org](mailto:ernest.sandland@whrsd.org) and 781-618-7435.

Sincerely,

Ernest Sandland  
Director of Facilities

**Student drop off (tardy):**

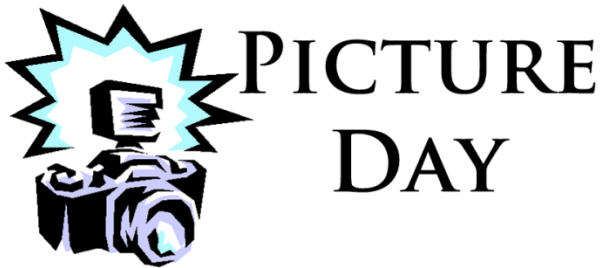


Please drop your child off near door #1. No need to accompany them. They need to ring the doorbell (located to the left of the door) and enter through the office.

**Student early pickup:**



Please call when you get to the school and meet your child at the door (It may take a few minutes for your child to gather their belongings and come down to the office) 😊 . A staff member will bring them to the door and have you sign them out.



Cohort A    October 20

Cohort B    October 22

Full Remote    By Appointment

**DUE TO SCHEDULING CONFLICTS WE WILL NOT HAVE A PICTURE RETAKE DAY**