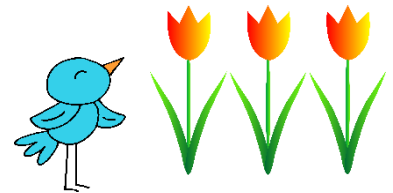




*Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn. ~Quoted  
by Lewis Grizzard in Kathy Sue Loudermilk, I Love You*

The first day of spring has come and gone. Spring arrived differently this year. The grip of winter eased hesitantly and with several false starts and cold days. We prepared with equal diligence for cold and warm weather. But it has arrived, albeit covered by mud, and signs of it are all around. Flowers, animals, and birds long forgotten have made their presence known. Relocate the down jackets and the needed shovels to the recesses of the garage, spring is here!



## Monday, March 20, 2017: B Day

- ▼ Hip Hop SHIP Club 3:15pm
- ▼ Karate SHIP Club 3:15pm
- ▼ Baseball and Softball at HOME vs. Peasley (Begins at 4:30- Admission is 3\$)
- ▼ **Tornado Drill**

## Tuesday, March 21, 2017: A Day

- ▼ Open Gym SHIP 6:45am
- ▼ Eighth Grade Dance Committee meeting 4:45pm: All parents who want to help are welcome
- ▼ PTSA General Meeting: 5:30pm
- ▼ Hawkapella
- ▼ **8<sup>th</sup> Grade SOL Writing Assessment: Multiple Choice**

## Wednesday, March 22, 2017: B Day

- ▼ Co-Ed Walk/Run SHIP 3:15pm
- ▼ Dance tickets on sale at lunch \$5: Will be \$6 at the door

## Thursday, March 23, 2017: A Day

- ▼ Soccer SHIP 3:15pm
- ▼ Spirit Night at Menchies
- ▼ Baseball and Softball at Berkeley (Games begin at 4:40- Admission is 3\$)
- ▼ Dance tickets on sale \$5 at lunch: Will be \$6 at the door
- ▼ **8<sup>th</sup> Grade SOL Writing Assessment: Short Paper**

## Friday, March 24, 2017: B Day

- ▼ Dance tickets on sale \$5 at lunch: Will be \$6 at the door
- ▼ Dance from 6-8pm
- ▼ Have a great weekend!



## **Announcements/Looking Ahead**

**Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> PTSA HMS Dance from 6pm-8pm:** There will be Dancing, Food, Basketball, Corn hole and lots of fun! Advanced Tickets \$5.00 on sale during lunch on Wednesday—March 22<sup>nd</sup>; Thursday—March 23<sup>th</sup>; Friday-March 24<sup>th</sup> \$6.00—AT THE DOOR  
Snacks and Drinks will be sold during the dance for an additional cost.

**April is the Month of the Military Child, providing an opportunity to recognize and honor the service of Virginia's youngest heroes, over 70,000 military children. Show your support for the annual Purple Up! for Military Kids celebration by wearing purple on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**With the warmer weather and excitement of spring there have been more students arriving to related arts classes late. A standard tardy policy has been in place with the 1<sup>st</sup> tardy being a teacher warning, the 2<sup>nd</sup> a teacher consequence, the 3<sup>rd</sup> a call home, and the 4<sup>th</sup> a referral to the office. This resets each grading period. Please remind students to take all needed items for both related arts classes when they leave the core area.**

After reading *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park, **6<sup>th</sup> grade gifted students in Ms. Brooks's English class** were inspired to support the efforts of Salva Dut, one of the Lost Boys of Sudan, in his organization's efforts to bring clean water to remote villages in South Sudan. **Our goal is to raise \$1000.00 for the Iron Giraffe Challenge** which would put our school into a drawing for a chance to receive a visit from Salva Dut, the founder of the organization. Please help us raise money for building wells in South Sudan. You can donate at school in the main office or during lunch. You can also donate online through our fundraising site: <https://water-for-south-sudan-inc.networkforgood.com/projects/25540-hornsby-middle-school-fundraiser>

**Snack bags will be going out Tuesday to Honor Roll Students in homerooms.**

**BOLT is back! (BOLT= Being Outstanding Leaders Together)** BOLT's focus is educating young minds on the effects of drugs and alcohol abuse as well as highlighting specific skills including: relational, social, leadership, and refusal skills. High school students will lead the BOLT event and provide peer leadership among the participating middle school students. Parents will also be able to participate in separate workshops regarding similar topics that the students will discuss including developing relationships and how incidents occurring at home can lead to drug and alcohol abuse. This is a collaborative effort among Heritage High School, Lafayette High School, New Kent High School, Surry Youth Coalition, and West Point High School. BOLT is a free event open to middle school students and their parents from the Peninsula to New Kent. We encourage interested middle school students and parents to register online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7PN59ZB>. Take charge of your life and please join us at Lafayette High School on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 9am to 1pm!



**7/8 Orchestra** received a rating of Excellent for the prepared performance pieces for Performance Assessment on Saturday March 11. The ensemble also received a rating of Superior on the sight-reading (performing a piece that they had not seen prior to Saturday)

Congratulations are in order for the **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Hawk Band students** for receiving an overall superior rating at band assessment playing level 2/3 graded music. They received a superior rating from all three judges on stage, which is equivalent to three A's and an excellent in sight-reading, which is equivalent to a B. In sight-reading the band missed another superior by one letter grade on the judge's sheet. Once again, congratulations 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Hawk Band.

**Parents/guardians:** Unfortunately, the flu seems to be hanging around! If your child has been absent, please check the Vue website (student or parent) for each of his or her classes. Be sure to check for both class work and homework on the days your student is or was absent. These are found on the class website link on the left side of the page or on the calendar. When your student returns, Advisory is an excellent time to make up work. If your student is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade this would be during non-independent reading days. Students may ask for a pass if help is needed from another teacher during that time. Additional time at home may be needed to make up work after extended absences. Work should be made up as soon as possible, generally within a week. Teachers will be happy to work with you on extended absences. Please contact teachers as soon as the student returns to make arrangements.

### **All Parents:**

If you missed the Curriculum Night or your student missed course registration at school, we will make sure to reach out to your student and complete this process. All information, including PowerPoints/etc. about courses and the course registration forms are available on the Hornsby School Counseling page.

### **8th Grade Parents:**

Please make sure to check your mailbox for your letter, high school information, and appointment time for your student's High School Planning meeting. Scheduled meetings have begun and run through the end of March.

*Requests are visible to parents and may be adjusted through Student Vue until April 1st.*

### **The PTSA is looking for volunteers and donations for the PTSA Spring Dance.**

Please go to the Sign Up Genius <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054aafae23a20-spring>

**The PTSA is looking for 2017-18 executive officers** (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary). Please contact Sue Tisk ([President@hornsbyptsa.org](mailto:President@hornsbyptsa.org)) or Amy Unger ([Vicepresident@hornsbyptsa.org](mailto:Vicepresident@hornsbyptsa.org)) if you are interested.

Your **HMS Yearbook is on sale**. See Mrs. Anderson for details on how to order through Candid Color.



It is not too late to **join the PTSA**. The membership brochure is on our website page or e-mail Sue Tisk at [president@hornsbypts.org](mailto:president@hornsbypts.org).

## Important Dates:

March 27, 28, 29: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Yorktown; 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> periods (1/3 of grade each day)

March 30<sup>th</sup> Marking period 3 ends

March 30 Course Requests for next year end

**March 31<sup>st</sup> No school for students:** Teacher workday (e)

## **April 3<sup>rd</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup> Spring Break**

April 10<sup>th</sup> Students return and marking period 4 begins

April 14<sup>th</sup> Report Cards home

End of April: Select orchestra students will perform for the Sentara Volunteer Recognition Ceremony at Bruton Parish Hall

May 4 Band Spring Concert

May 9 Orchestra Spring Concert 7pm at HMS

May 11 Spring Chorus Concert at LHS

May 12 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance and Interims/Progress Reports go home

May 20 **Relay for Life** noon to midnight at Warhill High

## **May 29<sup>th</sup> School Closed: Memorial Day**

June 14 **Stepping Up Ceremony** 2pm WHS

**June 14<sup>th</sup> Early Release 12:25pm: Exams**

**June 15<sup>th</sup> Early Release 12:25pm: Exams**

**June 16<sup>th</sup> No school for students:** Teacher workday

June 22<sup>nd</sup> Report Cards mailed home



## ***Thank you!!!***

**Ms. Darone and the Choir students** had an outstanding performance at the choir assessments. Our students reflected Hawk pride!

Congratulations **Ms. Anderson and the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Orchestra students** on their amazing performance. They earned both Superior and Excellent ratings!

Our Hawk Band is amazing! Congratulations **Mr. Frances and the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students** on earning almost all Superior ratings at assessment!

**Our students are wonderful!** Students have been following the Hawk expectations. Our Hawks SOAR!



**Hornsby Hawks SOAR**

**Safe**

**Organized**

**Accountable**

**Respectful**