



How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world ~ Anne Frank

Keys to student collaboration

If your child is a good collaborator, they will be able to work well with classmates on school projects and activities. Plus, they'll be better prepared for today's team-oriented workplace. Suggest these tips for effective collaboration.

- Create a plan. Make sure everyone's on the same page. If your student is doing a group project, they might ask a question to get the group started. ("Okay, so which famous person are we going to focus on?")
- Let everyone contribute. To give all group members a chance to think, wait a few seconds before jumping in after someone poses a question. Once they comment, use the "three before me" rule—wait for three others to speak before chiming in again.
- Be a consensus builder. Encourage your middle grader to look for compromises the group can agree on. For example, if one person had hoped to do a funny skit, maybe they could inject some humor into an otherwise serious presentation.
- Make decisions together. Even if everyone did different parts, the final product needs to feel seamless. Try to make the most of each person's talents and contributions.



Hornsby Middle School is proud to announce that *Mrs. Gwen Gaines*, teacher assistant, is our support staff of the year. *Mrs. Gaines* creates relationships with students, supports student success, and is our multicultural leader. She is a life-long learner, currently working on her Ed.D.

Monday, April 16, 2018: B Day

- ▼ **PTSA meeting 5:30pm in the media center**
- ▼ Marking period 4 begins
- ▼ Aerobic Dance Club (3:15-4:30)- Meet in the Orchestra Room
- ▼ Girls Intermural basketball after school: see announcements
- ▼ Baseball & Softball at home against Grafton 4:30

Tuesday, April 17, 2018: A Day

- ▼ Morning Gym (6:45-7:45)
- ▼ Ultimate Frisbee Club after school
- ▼ 7/8 orchestra viola, cello bass rehearsal after school
- ▼ Hawkapella



Wednesday, April 18, 2018: B Day

- ▼ Running Club (3:15-4:15) Meet in the Art Room
- ▼ Baseball & Softball at home against Lancaster 4:30

Thursday, April 19, 2018: A Day

- ▼ Girls Intermural basketball after school: see announcements
- ▼ Yearbook after school (for all of April!)
- ▼ Ally Club

Friday, April 20, 2018: B Day

- ▼ Bridge Club
- ▼ Have a great weekend!



Announcements/Looking Ahead

Parents/Guardians – If you have moved and HMS does not have your new address (or, you've forgotten to give us a change in address), please contact Marcia, Registrar, #(757)565-9438. Needed items: 2 proofs of residency, and the Residency Affidavit completed. Please remember, we have some students going to high school in the Fall and the redistricting. Both events may impact which school your student will attend. Have a great weekend and I'm looking forward to hearing from these families.

Save the Date-all **Military families!!!** Please be on the look-out for an invitation from your student for the military reception being held at 8:30am on April 27th. We look forward to seeing you there and honoring your family's commitment and service. In addition, please send in any family photos with brief information about who is in the photo to agnes.nowak@wjccschools.org ASAP so that we can prepare a lovely slideshow in your honor.

The final round of **gifted screening for this school year** will take place this month. Please see the WJCC Gifted Education site for information on the gifted program and referral process. If you have questions, feel free to contact one of our Gifted Resource Teachers, Julia Roketenetz or Jennifer Brooks.



NJHS Selection Schedule

Tuesday, April 17th

- Students identified as possible members (based ONLY on GPA minimum) will receive a candidate information form. All students interested in being considered for membership must complete the candidate information form to be evaluated by the faculty council.

Tuesday, May 1st

- Candidate information forms due to Mrs. Berry in room 2110 by 3:15 pm. Since students are given two full weeks to complete and submit candidate information forms, **no exceptions will be made (even for absences)**. Students should complete and turn in the candidate information form to the best of their ability at their earliest convenience. **Students are urged NOT to wait until the last minute.**

Tuesday, May 15th

- Letters of selection/non-selection sent out via mail.

Wednesday, May 30th

- Selected members are formally inducted into NJHS through an Induction Ceremony. All inductees are expected to attend this ceremony at 5:30pm – more details will follow in letter of selection.

Congratulations to Peter Radovich for winning a nation-wide German spelling and vocab competition. He was competing against 555 other German students - both middle school and high school students. He started working towards this competition last December - memorizing the meaning and spelling of right at 1000 words! When the competition opened on Thursday, he burned through all 50 rounds of the competition in just 2.5 hours - He literally set a record for winning the fastest ever.

Just for comparison - most Level 1 language students make it to about round 15 in this competition - Peter made it through level 50! and in record time.

8th Grade Semi-Formal Dance

Hello Parents! The 8th grade semi-formal dance is Friday, June 8th. We are looking for volunteers to serve on the subcommittee to ensure all the preparations for the nights' event are coordinated. If you would like to help in planning process please sign up on the sign up genius link below. ****Note: This sign up genius is only for volunteers to serve on the sub committee as we will be sending out a separate sign up genius when the date gets closer for volunteers for the night of the dance,

etc. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054aafae23a20-8thgrade>

Thank you for your continued support. Amy Unger, 2018 8th Grade Dance Chair

PTSA General Membership Meeting

PTSA meeting, Monday April 16th at 5:30 in the media center. The nominating committee will present the Slate for officers for the 2018-2019 school year. Be on the



lookout for information about Teacher Appreciation Week, May 7th - 11th and the 8th grade semi-formal dance on Friday, June 8th.

Girls Intramurals will be held on Monday and Thursday, starting March 12th and ending on April 30th. Intramurals is for girls in the 6th, 7th and 8th grade and will start at 3:15 and go to 4:45pm. We will start with skills and drills like ball handling, passing and shooting for the first 45 min. During the last hour we will have games as this is a 3 on 3 league.

Ultimate Frisbee Club will begin on the new date of March 20th and go through May 8th. We are sorry to let down our club members who were looking forward to getting started today, but we think this change is for the best, and will allow us to play in warmer weather

Order your yearbook today! Yearbooks are \$35 each. Order yours online or with a mail-in order. The online order deadline is March 29th. The mail-in order deadline is February 28th. Students should receive an order form in homeroom. For online orders, visit www.candidcolor.net and use the access code: HRMYBK18. Get your yearbook to experience all the memories of this year again!

The **Yearbook staff** is in need of **photos of students** from the purple and gold dance, neon dance, band/orchestra/choir/theater performances and any clubs. You can email them to Ms. Anderson at marie.anderson@wjccschools.org with the description of who is in the photo and what event.

Important Dates:

April 27, May 4, June 1 Band Festivals here. Some students will be guides.

April 27 Military Reception at 8:30am

May 1 NJHS candidate packets due to Mrs. Berry

May 3 Band Concert 7pm

May 8 Chorus Concert 7pm at LHS

May 10 Orchestra concert 7pm

May 11 Interims Go Home

May 15 NJHS letters of selection sent

May 28 Schools and Offices Closed

May 30 NJHS Induction Ceremony 5:30pm

June 1 all of 7th grade goes on a field trip to the Virginia Science Museum in Richmond.

June 8 Eighth Grade Dance

June 8 The 8th grade Advanced Theatre performance of *Bad Auditions by Bad Actors* will be during 8th, 7th, and 6th grade related arts classes

June 13 Early Release 12:25pm

June 13 8th grade Stepping Up at WHS 2pm

June 14 Early Release 12:25pm: Last Day

June 20 Report Cards Mailed Home



Thank you!!!

Thank you to **our students** for working so hard during the 3rd nine weeks. The report cards looked great!

Thank you also to **our parents**, students cannot shine without your support. Great job everyone!

Teachers are diligently working to create innovative, engaging lessons to aid in student success.

Thank you **Mrs. Epps** for making sure the report cards are correct.

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

Hornsby Hawks SOAR

Safe

Organized

Accountable

Respectful