

# **Haverford Middle School Newsletter**

#### **Administration**

HMS Principal Mr. Daniel Horan Secretary Mrs. Michelle D'Avella

#### <u>6th Grade Assistant</u> Principal

Mr. Matthew Crater **6th Grade Counselor** Mrs. Lindsey Hughes **6th Grade Secretary** Mrs. Sharon Cianci

7th Grade Assistant Principal Mr. Randy Taylor 7th Grade Counselor Ms. Ricki White

# Week of December 7, 2020

Please look for Dr. Reusche's regular "Community Communication" Emails. The Emails communicate essential information and detailed plans for our school and district. Stay informed by connecting with the guiding documents and resources we refer to keep our school community safe and healthy. Following is a video of the school board meeting from December 3rd, where Dr. Reusche details our current educational plan.

<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WfTa4K9</u>
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All of our students will participate in an all-virtual learning model through Tuesday, December 8th. We will return to our Hybrid Model for students attending in-person school on Wednesday, December 9th.

In-person band, chorus, and orchestra will resume on Wednesday, December 9th.

The CHOP Toy Drive ends on Friday, December 11th. Please drop toy donations off at the main office. Thank you for your support!

We will host the next weekly ZOOM meeting on Friday, December 4th, from 6:00-6:30 PM. We will

#### 7th Grade Secretary

Mrs. Patty Lazer

8th Grade Assistant Principal Mrs. Erika Harvey 8th Grade Counselor Mrs. Colleen Malczynski 8th Grade Secretary TBD

MS Coordinator Technology Mr. Andrew Zitelli

6th Grade Teams 6th-Grade Webpage Beluga Whales Polar Bears Sea Lions Arctic Fox review the week, communicate expectations that need to be discussed, share new information to be aware of, and incorporate questions submitted to the live chat into the presentation the best we can. The Zoom link for the meeting will be sent out on the day of the meeting.

# **School Pictures**

Make-ups for student pictures will be held on December 15th & 16th for families purchasing a picture package. We will email families a scheduled date and time for students to get their picture taken.

# **Daily Protocols For Staff & Students**

Please help us protect our school community. We need your help and support to ensure that your child understands what is expected of them. If we protect our school community, then the likelihood of remaining in school will be more of a realization than a hope. Please be aware of and practice:

- Daily home symptoms screening
- Wearing an approved mask in school
- Social distancing 6 feet
- Good hand hygiene

7th Grade Teams 7th-grade Webpage Giant Pandas Iberian Lynx Peregrine Falcons

Komodo Dragons

8th Grade Teams 8th-Grade Webpage Asiatic Cheetahs Bengal Tigers Gray Wolves Snow Leopards

Important School Information: Athletics Information

#### **School Safety**

Please be alert and patient when driving around the school. We have many kids and staff moving around tight corners, and sightlines are not always ideal.

The bus lane is reserved for school busses. Feel free to use the streets that border the school to drop-off and pick up.

#### Lunch & Breakfast Bags

We will be offering a free lunch & breakfast bag for all students for the 2020-2021 school year. We encourage every student to take a lunch & breakfast bag, but it is not required.

Feel free to contact Diane Dowling, the Interim Director of food services, if you have any questions about the Lunch & Breakfast Bags at <u>ddowling@haverfordsd.net</u>

#### Attendance

We start our day at 7:50 AM, where students attend a Morning meeting with the administrative and school counseling teams and a student representative.

Please expect your child to get to class on time. We understand that there may be technology/technical, time management, or other issues you need support with. Please reach out to us, and we can help. If students come to class more than a few minutes late and cannot enter, then they should email their teacher and work on the lesson for the day in Canvas.

If your child has an appointment to attend during the school day, please email Sharon Cianci at <u>scianci@haverfordsd.net</u>. Mrs. Cianci is our attendance secretary. Please provide her with your child's name, grade, the reason for appointment (ex: medical, dentist, etc.), time leaving, and time returning.

Please do not have your child email, Mrs. Cianci. Attendance emails must come from an adult.

#### Administrative & Counseling Support

<u>Relationships / Social & Emotional Support</u> Our administrative and counseling teams are available to support you and your family. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you or your child should need support.

- Principal Daniel J. Horan

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- 6th Grade Administrator Matthew Crater
  - mcrater@haverfordsd.net
- 7th Grade Administrator Randy Taylor
  - rtaylor@haverfordsd.net
- 8th Grade Administrator Erika Harvey
  - eharvey@haverfordsd.net

#### <u>Counseling Team</u>

Please feel free to reach out to our counseling team if you need support:

# 6th Grade - School Counselor Lindsey Hughes -

lhughes@haverfordsd.net

- 7th Grade School Counselor
  - Ricki White <u>rswhite@haverfordsd.net</u>
- 8th Grade School Counselor
  - Colleen Malczynski <u>cmalczynski@haverfordsd.net</u>
- 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade School Counselor
  - Kevin Murphy <u>kmurphy@haverfordsd.net</u>
- Social Worker
  - Jocelyn Durcis jdrucis@haverfordsd.net

#### Food Insecurity

The School District of Haverford Township recognizes that student wellness and proper nutrition are related to students' physical well-being, growth, development, and readiness to learn. If you and your family are experiencing any food insecurity during the COVID-19 pandemic, then please contact the building school social worker, Jocelyn Drucis, at jdrucis@haverfordsd.net or at (610) 853-5900 Ext. 5552 for local food resources and assistance. The school district social workers have been coordinating their efforts with local organizations to help families within the community.

#### For additional COVID-19

Food/Internet/Housing/Unemployment Resources, please click on the links below:

Food/Internet/Housing/Unemployment Assistance Information:

https://www.haverford.k12.pa.us/covid19/coronav irus-covid-19-updates/guidance-resources Food Pantry Information:

https://www.haverford.k12.pa.us/covid19/coronav irus-covid-19-updates/food-pantry-information-co vid-19

#### **Technical Help**

Please send all requests for technical support for your child's Chromebook, Canvas, PowerSchool, Zoom, Canvas, or other district supported technology to the Technology Help Desk at the following email: <u>ITHelpDesk@haverfordsd.net</u>

# PIAA Sports - 7th & 8th Grade

We will hold off on beginning winter sports until at least Monday, December 14th. More information and details on our plan will be shared later this week. Please contact the Athletic Director, Ms. Stephanie Viola, if you have any questions at <u>sviola@haverfordsd.net</u>

### **Clubs & Activities for All Students**

Please take the time to check out the <u>HMS</u> <u>Clubs/Activities 2020/2021</u> google folder to receive information on each activity/club. Reach out to the club sponsors if you have any questions!