



Hamilton Middle School Parent Matters

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January 6: 'January Jam'

Middle School Student Council will be hosting a fun gathering to celebrate the return to school.

- Take place in the East Gym & Cafeteria
- Supervised
- 5th/6th Grade students: 5:00-6:30pm
- 7th/8th Grade students: 7:00-8:30pm
- Students must be dropped off & picked up at the front doors
- Food and Entertainment

*Students need to turn in a permission slip

January 27: NO SCHOOL

Teachers will be meeting all day to review student data from the iReady tests, SRSS, & class assessments to guide and plan for each student's needs.

MS Building Preview for January

Work Based Learning Experiences



Each 6th grade homeroom has been partnered with a specific business. In January, homerooms will visit their assigned business to experience various careers. They will also be introduced to a current obstacle that each business is undergoing. The students will be tasked with creating potential solutions and presenting their ideas in March.

Character Trait: Kindness



The entire school will be challenged to intentionally 'Be Kind'. We will be encouraging students to show compassion and look for ways to be helpful.



End of the Semester January 20

5th & 6th Grade students will begin a new elective rotation on January 23.

7th & 8th Grade Students 1) Grades will 'start over' for second semester on January 23.

2) Each student will receive new schedules for 2nd semester.

8th Grade Future Steps Meeting for Parents & Students

January 30 * HHS Auditorium * 6:30 p.m.

Reviewing NEW graduation Requirements for the Class of 2027.

Reviewing Work Based Learning & Additional Opportunities



January Testing Update



iReady Testing

Every student will be taking the diagnostic test on January 10 for Math and January 17 for Reading. This provides common experiences & keeps core learning time consistent.

Why do we give the iReady test in January?

1. The data gives you (the parent), the student and the school an update on progress toward learning for the year.
2. The iReady shows the amount of growth gained by the students. The scores give information so all learners of all abilities can achieve success.
3. The iReady is a system that provides assessment to identify strengths and weaknesses of students.

Student Pick-Up & Student Drop-Off



Please remember to park in the west (pool) parking lot if you are waiting for your student before or after school (rather than parking on 136th).

Dates to Remember:

- January 5: Spelling Bee 3:00 pm.
- January 5: 5th/6th grade character assembly
- January 6: January Jam after school activity.
- January 6: 7th/8th character assembly.
- January 9: Board Meeting 7pm.
- January 10: Archery Club sign-up - 6pm MS Library
- January 10: 5th & 6th grade Vocal/Band Concert 7pm HS Auditorium
- January 20-End of Semester 1
- January 27: No School
- January 30: 8th Grade HS Information night for students & parents. 6:30-8:00pm HS Auditorium

Be Respectful. Be Responsible. Be Engaged. Be Safe.