



HJS PRINCIPAL'S TGIF

(Thunderbird Gathering of Information for Friday)

September 13, 2019

Hopewell Families:

A major shout out to our PTSO Color Run team and to our many family and community members who donated to participate in our event! 220 students are going to take part in this year's Color Run surpassing last year's total to student's participating.

We are going to have a great and MESSY time! More specific information will follow on the schedule of the day, but everyone should be very proud of their efforts!

Mission-Vision

Every school has a foundation for which they stand on. Hopewell Junior is no different. All activities and experiences are based off of our core beliefs. Over the last 2 years, students, staff, and parents, have helped us develop our Culture Playbook, or "What we do" at HJS. Click [here](#) to view Hopewell Junior's Culture Playbook.

Dance Day

It is our first dance day today. All students staying for the dance may NOT leave school and return to the dance. They also may not be released early unless signed out by their guardian. The cost of this particular dance is \$10 and includes unlimited pizza and water. This is the only dance where food is included in the price and the cost is \$10. All student rides must be here at the 4:00pm dismissal.

New Family Ice Cream Social

Please feel free to stop by the District Wide New Family Ice Cream Social held at Heritage Early Childhood School. Even more than that, our vocal musicians from HJS will be performing "We're all in this together" for the event. The festivities begin at 1:00pm, so feel free to stop on by and meet new people or welcome our new families to Lakota!

Check Home Access Center

Believe it or not, we are almost halfway through the first quarter. I cannot believe how fast it is going. It is a great time to check your student's grades and make sure we are off to a great start! Conference nights are coming just around the corner in October, so please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a great weekend!!

Jeff Rouff

Personalized Learning in Lakota

Lakota launched its [new strategic plan](#) in the spring with a big instructional focus of personalized learning. So, what does this mean? Teachers are improving their craft through personalized professional development about personalized instruction! Together in learning cohorts, teachers are creating actions to make the learning more meaningful through project-based learning, adding more choice through station rotation lessons, or allowing students to work at their own pace through flexible playlists and flipped learning videos. This is an exciting time in Lakota for teachers, students, and parents!

8th Grade Washington DC Trip

Payment 1 Deadline Date: \$200 September 15, 2019
Payment 2 Deadline Date: \$202.50 December 1, 2019
Payment 3 Deadline Date: \$202.50 March 2, 2020

Parent Meeting Information:

<https://hopewelljr.lakotaonline.com/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=22509508>

For more information: <https://tri.ps/dgEfd>



CANDY SALE



All candy sale money needs to be turned in by the beginning of the school day on
Monday, September 16

SCHOOL DANCE

When: September 13,

Time: 2:10-4:00pm

Cost: \$10 Includes admittance to the dance & all pizza and drinks.

Dunking Booth:

\$2 per throw or
3 throws for \$5



**All students need to be picked-up from the dance promptly at 4:00.*

Please have ride arrangements finalized prior to dance day.

MATH HELP

Monday – Friday

6:45-7:15am

2:15-3:00pm

Room 209 - Ms. Gibson



HJS ATHLETICS

Monday, Sept. 16th
Cross Country at Plains Inv.

Tuesday, Sept. 17th
Golf vs. Ridge at Pleasant Hill
Tennis vs. Princeton
Volleyball at Princeton

Wednesday, Sept. 18th
Golf vs. White Oak at Pleasant Hill

Thursday, Sept. 19th
Volleyball vs. Liberty
8th Football vs. Rapid Run
Tennis at Princeton

Athletic Fees & School Fees

School Fees for junior high students have been billed.

- Take a moment to review school fees
- Questions? Contact Mrs. Phillips at HJS
- No service charge for paying on-line !
- If paying by check – Make checks payable to: *HOPEWELL JUNIOR SCHOOL*

7th Grade Notes

**Vision Screening
October 7**

**ID Project
November 25**

HJS CLUBS

*Art Club:

Thursday
Room 171 2:15-3:30pm

Chess Club:

Monday
Room 220 2:15-3:00pm

*Drama Club:

Monday & Friday
Room 103 2:15-3:30pm

*Engineering Club:

Tuesday
Room 156 2:15-3:30pm

French Club:

1st Club Meeting – October 3, 2019
Room 204 2:15pm-3:00pm

Illustration Club:

Wednesday
Room 171 2:15-3:30pm

*Jazz Club:

Tuesday & Thursday
Room 104 2:10-2:55pm

*Student Council:

1st Wednesday of each month
Room 120 2:15-3:00pm

Tech Squad:

Sign-up in room 115
1 day a week during advisory

*Yearbook Club:

September 16 – 1st Club Meeting
Room 205 2:15-3:15PM

*Included in the onetime \$50 charge of Club Card.

(Parent, Teacher, Student Organization)

hjsptso@gmail.com

PTSO MEETINGS

All parents are welcome at our HJS PTSO monthly meetings. Hear important school information from Mr. Rouff, Ms. Weber, and our teacher representative Ms. Parks. Learn more about future PTSO plans and events.

Next PTSO Meeting: Monday, September 9th at 6:30pm in the Innovation Hub.

PTSO Welcome

Welcome to Jessica Klemm, our new PTSO Directory Chair! Thank you for taking on this role!

PTSO Open Role Spotlight Restaurant Nights Chair

The PTSO is seeking a volunteer to be our **Restaurant Nights Chair!** We have a few Restaurant Nights each year as fundraisers for the school. These are very easy to plan! The Fundraising Co-Chairs will provide direction about which Restaurants we have promised fundraising nights as part of their Color Run support.

If you are interested in learning more about this or other open positions, please contact Jennifer Kegg at hjsptso@gmail.com or text 513-356-1748.



Special Thanks

Thanks to the volunteers who helped during our Color Run collection and processing days:

Amy Macenski, Susanne Page,
Robyn Knappenberger, Mary Youmell,
Jessica Klemm, and Jennifer Kegg!



HJS Color Run!!

HJS PTSO would love to recognize **Cassinelli, Shanker & Baker Orthodontics, Advanced Therapy Center at Chesterwood Village, and KUMON of West Chester** for being top tier sponsors for our **2nd Annual Hopewell Junior Color Run**. Because of their generous sponsorships every penny of our HJS students' donations will go into a year's worth of PTSO programs to support HJS's teachers/staff & students. Thank you for your gift of support!

Watch for additional Color Run event details coming home with students soon.

Volunteers...

Be part of the fun during the Color Run!

Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D45A8AF23A02-hopewell1>

Powder Allergy Concerns?

Reach out to the HJS Nurse

Christel Zajbel at

christel.zajbel@lakotaonline.com

with any questions.

Questions?

Contact Amy Macenski at

amacenski@gmail.com

or Susanne Page at

susanpage@cinci.rr.com

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PTSO Directory

Electronic school directories are free to everyone this year, thanks to your strong support of our Color Run fundraiser. But you still have to order one and submit the e-mail where you want it sent. Paper directories are still available for \$5.

All students and their parent contact information will be included in the directory, unless you “opt out”. If you didn’t get the order/opt out form, you can find it here: [PTSO Forms](#)

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If you didn’t get the order/opt out form, you can find it here: [PTSO Forms](#).



All HJS parents should join our Facebook group

Search “Hopewell Jr. PTSO Parents and click on the “join” button to stay connected to HJS PTSO parents and school activities and see fun pictures through the year.



Spirit Wear

Shop our wide variety of Spirit Wear styles, colors and logos at our online [Spirit Wear Shop](#) and have your items delivered directly to your student at school. If you would like to order an item as a surprise/gift, you can have it sent to the PTSO at school, and we will get it to you (contact us at hjsptso@gmail.com to let us know).



**Attention
Amazon.com shoppers!**

Start your Amazon shopping here: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/90-0014284> to link your purchase to Hopewell Junior Schools PTSO. Then every time you shop, start at SMILE.amazon.com, and a portion of your amazon purchases will be sent to HJS PTSO. There is no extra cost to you and every purchase helps PTSO provide activities for your student!



KROGER PLUS

Register your Kroger Plus account with Community Rewards, and each time you shop, Kroger sends a donation to HJS PTSO. It takes just a moment now and benefits the school throughout the year. Registration must be done annually!

[CLICK HERE](#) to visit Kroger Community Rewards Registration Page and select Hopewell Junior High School PTSO as your beneficiary organization.

Hopewell
**Color
Run**

**HJS Second Annual Color Run
Friday, September 27th**

Thank you to our business sponsors!

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HOPEWELL HAPPENINGS

September 13-20

Friday, September 13	2:10-4:10pm	Staff Breakfast: 8 Hawk School Dance-\$10, Dunking Booth - \$5
Saturday, September 14	1:00-3:00pm	Lakota Ice Cream Social @ Heritage ECS <i>HJS Choir will Perform</i>
Monday, September 16	7:00am-8:00am 2:15-3:00pm 2:15-3:15pm 4:30pm	Vocal Music Candy Sale Ends Flu Shot (Staff): Room 125 Chess Club: Room 220 Yearbook Club Cross Country @ Plains: Football Field
Tuesday, September 17	2:15-3:30pm 4:00pm 4:30pm 4:30pm	Engineering Club Tennis v Princeton @ HJS Golf v Ridge @ Pleasant Hills Volleyball v Princeton @ PMS
Wednesday, September 18	2:15-3:30pm 4:00pm 4:00pm	Illustration Club: Room 171 Golf v White Oak MS @ Pleasant Hill Tennis v Springboro @ HJS
Thursday, September 19	4:00pm 4:15pm 4:30pm	Volleyball v Liberty @ HJS Tennis v Princeton @ PHS Football (8 th) v Rapid Run @ HJS
Friday, September 20		Math Department: Job Fair PBL: Gym

DISTRICT NOTES – September 13, 2019



Sept. 19 Kicks Off Story Time with a Lakota Principal

As part of its ongoing efforts to build community support around early literacy, Lakota's early childhood and elementary principals will take turns hosting "Story Time with a Lakota Principal" this school year.

On the third Thursday of each month, Lakota students are invited to IKEA West Chester (9500 IKEA Way). From 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the restaurant on the second floor, students can hear a Lakota principal share one of his or her favorite stories. Students are also encouraged to bring a book to exchange for another book they may take home with them. Dinner may be purchased on an individual basis, as desired. Principal hosts for the next few months are scheduled as follows:

Sept. 19 - Gail Allshouse (VanGorden Elementary)
Oct. 17 - Linda Pavlinac (Creekside ECS)
Nov. 21 - Mary Brophy (Hopewell ECS)

Back-to-School Spirit Wear Shop Promotion Ends Sept. 20

To celebrate the start of a new school year, Lakota is proud to offer the community reduced rates on select district apparel in its online spirit wear shop. [This limited-time promotional offer ends Sept. 20.](#)

On top of the discounted prices, all orders placed during the promotional period will not be subject to sales tax or shipping (normally \$6.95). The district has arranged for all orders to be shipped directly to your building of choice no later than Oct. 7.

You will be notified by email when your shipment has arrived and is available for pick-up at the Lakota building you selected during checkout. In general, apparel runs true to size, with the exception of performance wear (runs small). No refunds or exchanges will be accepted for size changes.

[Lakota's online spiritwear shop is open 24/7.](#) It offers a wide range of customized Lakota-branded options, including apparel in men's, women's and youth sizes. Other branded items like headwear, bags and blankets can be customized to display the design and color of your choice. As part of the district's partnership with Rokkitwear, 15 percent of all sales will be applied to student programming.

New Portrait of a Lakota Graduate Helps Define 4Es

A new visual now serves as a roadmap for Lakota educators whose ultimate goal is to prepare every graduate to follow one of the 4 Es at the end of their K-12 career: Enrollment in higher education, Enlistment in the military, Employment, or the pursuit of Entrepreneurship.

With this end goal in mind, Lakota has developed a Portrait of a Lakota Graduate (POG).

"The portrait really gives some definition to the 4Es we're always focusing on and is a great complement to the district's new strategic plan," said Lakota Superintendent Matthew Miller. It zooms in on the most critical skills our kids need, regardless of what path they choose after graduation."

Inspired through input from students, parents, administrators and the district's business and community partners, the portrait portrays the skills that every Lakota graduate should possess. The final document expands on each skill, further defining what it means to master each one. [Click here to view and learn more about Lakota's new Portrait of a Graduate.](#)

New Elementary Innovation Hubs Empower Students, Staff

Lakota's elementary school media centers, turned innovation hubs, still offer shelves of books to enjoy - but they are also now complete with virtual reality stations, video production green screen rooms, a sound recording booth, a 3D printer and even modernized furniture to help facilitate authentic, future-ready learning.

"If we are truly going to make the shift to personalized, student-centered learning, we have to give our students and staff the innovative spaces and tools that support that model," said Lakota Superintendent Matthew Miller. "Our Innovation Hubs are designed with that exact purpose in mind."

Following last year's media center transformations at the junior schools and high schools, Lakota's eight elementary schools followed suit this past summer, using mostly district-provided funds to refurbish the space. [Click here to read more about how Lakota's Innovation Hubs support personalized, future-ready learning.](#)

Safety Number One Priority: New Safety Measures for 2019-20

As another indication of the importance of safety, Lakota has implemented new security measures throughout the district.

"The safety of our students and staff is always our number one priority," said Superintendent Matthew Miller. "Our plans are never complete. We are always working with our law enforcement partners to evaluate all of our safety measures in order to improve."

During the summer, 1,200 Bearcade® Door Control Systems were installed in classrooms throughout the district. If a building activates a lockdown, the device is rapidly deployed by staff, preventing an intruder from entering a room. "The Bearcade® system is a time saver for our staff, should they ever be put in a dangerous situation," said Miller. "The device deploys in three-to-eight seconds, securing the room quickly." Local law enforcement and fire departments have been supportive of this additional safety measure. [Click here to read more about Lakota's safety measures.](#)



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