



# **HJS PRINCIPAL'S TGIF**

**(Thunderbird Gathering of Information for Friday)**

December 20, 2019

Hopewell Families:

Today marks the end of the first semester and the second quarter. Students will keep their schedule for the most part going into the second semester. The only exceptions are semester long electives that will change. Students will receive new schedules in their first period class on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Dr. King Essay Contest**

Congratulations to our Dr. Martin Luther King Essay Contest winners from HJS. This Contest is offered to all students in Lakota and Hopewell Junior had 4 major winners! Congratulations to Kaylin Baumer, Dahreya Kreal, Mira Seppi, and Genna Pisano for winning special recognition with their essays. Genna was the Grand Prize winner with her essay. All the winners will be recognized at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at Lakota West High School beginning at 11:15am. This is always a great event and I am so proud that every student at HJS participated in this contest! A special thank you to our Language Arts teachers who took the lead on this event.

### **National Junior Honor Society**

Students who applied for the National Junior Honor Society should have received their letter letting them know if they were admitted to the Hopewell Junior Chapter. I am always happy to review with students their application so they can continue to learn from the experience. Our induction ceremony will be held on Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm in the HJS gymnasium.

### **Winter Break**

The office will be closed from December 23 to January 2 for winter break. Teachers will be returning to school on Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> for a workday and professional development.

### **Geography Bee**

Our Geography Bee for qualifying students will take place on Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. All students took a qualifying test in Social Studies class. The top scores qualified for the Bee. Good luck to those 28 qualifying students!!

I hope everyone has a restful and relaxing Holiday Break! With it being the end of the semester, students should feel free from any academic expectations over this time as no homework should be assigned. It is a great opportunity to re-energize and come back on January 6<sup>th</sup> ready for the start of the second semester.

See you in 2020!

*Jeff Rouff*

### New Year, Good Habits!

Let's gear up to keep good habits to finish the second half of the year strong! Click [HERE](#) for a refrigerator reminder sign to help your student restart good Chromebook charging habits! Ask your child if they have ever needed to borrow a loaner. If they are keeping it charged and bringing it to school daily... keep up the great example!



## STAR STUDENTS

*Celebrating this week's Star Students:*

*Tom Burks, Olivia Campbell,  
Dominick Evans, Shohida Hamzaeva,  
Naomi Lattimore, Layla Shalash and  
Jack Thamann*

## LOST & FOUND

The lost and found is overflowing!!

If you are looking for coats, shirts, hoodies, lunchboxes, gym clothes, shoes and so much more...

Check the lost and found across from the Innovation Hub and in the locker rooms.

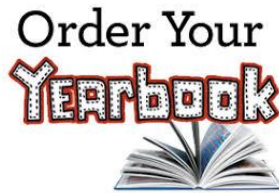
Chances are we have what you're looking for!



## HOPEWELL JUNIOR GIVING TREE



Thank you to all of the Hopewell Junior families and staff members that participated in the annual Giving Tree event!



## Ordering Information

- 1.) Go to <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectJob>;
- 2.) Type Hopewell Junior's **Yearbook ID: 7335920**
- 3.) Choose the package desired. Pricing is listed below. Pre-payment via a credit or debit card is required when preordering the yearbook.

Pre-ordering yearbooks online is greatly encouraged. Few will be available for purchase on the last day of school for \$35 (cash only).

**Online ordering ends on March 1, 2019.**



### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington DC Trip

**Payment 3 Deadline Date:**  
March 2, 2020 \$202.50

Contact Mrs. Parks with any questions  
[tracey.parks@lakotaonline.com](mailto:tracey.parks@lakotaonline.com)



# HJS ATHLETICS

**Saturday, January 4th**  
Wrestling at Edgewood Inv.

**Monday, January 6th**  
Boys Basketball vs. Wilson at HJS

**Tuesday, January 7th**  
Girls Basketball vs. Wilson at HJS

**Wednesday, January 8th**  
Boys Basketball at Ridge

**Thursday, January 9th**  
Girls Basketball at Ridge (8th grade plays first)

**Friday, January 10th**  
Wrestling at Harrison Inv.

**Saturday, January 11th**  
Wrestling at Harrison Inv.

## Unscheduled School Closings and Snow Days

Schools may be closed due to severe weather, emergencies, or other conditions that may affect the safety of our students. Every effort is made to publicize these announcements as soon as a decision is made to cancel or delay the opening of school. We encourage parents to check Lakota's website when bad weather is predicted and to check again in case the information is missed the first time.

Even if school is closed, some after-school or evening activities may be held as planned. That's because conditions that were bad in the morning may be much better by the afternoon or evening. So closing school does not automatically mean all after-school and evening activities are also canceled. It is handled on a case-by-case basis. Updates are posted to Lakota's homepage and usually sent by email by individual schools.

### Notification System

[Click here](#) to sign up to receive notifications or to change your email addresses and phones numbers.



## East Jr. High Wrestling Team

Any questions? Contact Coach John Landers  
[landersj@bcesc.org](mailto:landersj@bcesc.org)

### Shuttle Schedule

December 16, 17, 18, 19, 20  
January 6, 7, 8, 9, 10  
January 13, 14, 15, 16, 17  
January 20, 21, 22, 23, 24  
January 27, 28, 29, 30, 31



## LAKOTA EAST THUNDERHAWK BASKETBALL

<b>Fri, Dec 20</b> 7:15 pm	Middletown High School <i>Conference Game</i>
<b>Fri, Jan 3</b> 7:15 pm	Fairfield High School
<b>Tue, Jan 7</b> 7:15 pm	Oak Hills HS - Cincinnati
<b>Fri, Jan 10</b> 7:15 pm	Hamilton High School (Ohio)

# HOPEWELL HAPPENINGS

December 20 – January 12

Friday, December 20	7:35am	Music Assembly
Monday, December 23 – Friday, January 3		Winter Break for Students
Friday, January 3		PD Workday - Teachers & Office Staff
Monday, January 6	2:15-3:00pm 2:15-3:30pm 4:30pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Begins Chess Club: Room 220 Drama Club: Room 103 Boys Bball v Wilson @ HJS
Tuesday, January 7	2:10-2:55pm 4:30pm	Jazz Band: Room 104 Girls Bball v Wilson @ HJS
Wednesday, January 8	9:15-9:40am 2:15-3:30pm 2:15-3:30pm 2:30pm 4:30pm	Student of the Month Breakfast: Café Engineering Club: Room 156 Illustration Club: Room 171 BLT Meeting: Hub Boys Bball v Ridge @ Ridge
Thursday, January 9	2:10-2:55pm 2:15-3:30pm 4:30pm 7:00-8:00pm	Jazz Band: Room 104 Art Club: Room 171 Girls Bball v Ridge @ Ridge (8 <sup>th</sup> plays first) National Honor Society Induction
Friday, January 10	6:45-7:15am 7:30am 9:11-9:41am 2:15-2:55pm 2:15-3:30pm	Success Breakfast: Café Geography Bee: Gym Captains Council: Room 146 Culinary Club: Room 129 Drama Club: Room 103
January 10-12		OMEA Honor Jazz Band Weekend @ Kings HS



## PTSO NEWS

(Parent, Teacher, Student Organization)  
[HJSPTSO@gmail.com](mailto:HJSPTSO@gmail.com)

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.



**Next regular PTSO Meeting:** Next regular PTSO Meeting: Monday, January 13 at 6:30pm in the Innovation Hub.

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

### PTSO Meeting in 2020

Monday, February 10  
Monday, March 9  
TUESDAY, April 14  
Monday, May 11

## COMING EVENTS IN 2020

**March 27: PTSO Sponsored Dance**

**April 22: Barb Bossu Awards**

**May 15: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance**

**May 21: Field Day**

## Make your purchases using digital gift cards and support HJS PTSO!

Download "Benefit", a mobile app that allows you to instantly purchase digital gift cards to use online or in-store, at retailers including Walmart, Target, The Home Depot and Amazon and many more. When you buy using the app, retailers contribute up to 20% of your transaction back to HJS PTSO — at no extra cost to you! Simply download the app and use it for your everyday purchases. Get started with the instructions below.

For more information visit <https://www.benefit-mobile.com/consumers>

### Support our cause whenever you shop!

You can use the Benefit app to pay for everything from groceries and clothing to dinner out and travel. We get a portion back every time you buy, and the amount we raise can make a big impact for the people we serve. See how easy it is!



Easy as a credit card and safer than a wallet!

- 1 Download the app.**  
Benefit is a free download on your iPhone® or Android™ device.
- 2 Set up your secure profile.**  
Benefit partners with top banks and financial institutions to ensure that your data is handled securely, and that your bank and credit card protections remain in place.
- 3 Select our organization name.**  
Simply type our name or ZIP code in the Beneficiaries tab and select our name from the search results.
- 4 Shop online or in-store at over 160 retailers.**  
When you're ready to pay, use the app to instantly purchase a digital gift card for the amount you need. You just show your phone at the checkout counter in a store, or use the gift card online.

Download the Benefit app today and start making a difference every time you make a purchase.

### amazon smile Attention Amazon.com Shoppers!

As you start your holiday shopping, use Amazon Smile 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. The same Amazon items are all available, and there is no extra cost to you. Every purchase helps PTSO provide more for HJS!

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.



### **2020-2021 Preschool Registration Open through Jan. 31**

The lottery application for Lakota's tuition-based preschool program at VanGorden Elementary is now available and registration will run Jan. 6 through Jan. 31.

An informational meeting for parents will be held on Jan. 16 at VanGorden at 5:30 p.m. in the school's cafeteria. Staff members will be available to answer questions and to give an overview of the program. They will share the Creative Curriculum and Acelero Adaptation that preschool teachers follow, as well as what the "life in the day of a preschool child" looks like.

All applications must be received or postmarked by Jan. 31 to be considered for the lottery. The lottery will take place at the beginning of February and notices of admission will be mailed mid-February to all applicants. Applications received after the Jan. 31 deadline will be placed on a waiting list.

Parents can [visit the preschool registration webpage](#) to download the application and access more detailed information about the enrollment process and preschool program. Please direct any questions to the preschool office at (513) 870-5378.

### **First Lakota Local Science Fair Accepting Entries through Jan. 31**

The first-ever Lakota Local Science Fair will take place on March 6, 2020 at Lakota East High School in conjunction with Lakota's annual Pi Day Celebration.

A wide variety of science projects will be considered as per the guidelines of the Ohio Academy of Sciences. Students in grades 5-12 are invited to register for the fair; projects will be judged only if the student or their team provides consent.

#### **Basic participation requirements include:**

Choose a topic related to the science of your interest.

Parent / teacher / coach must [register online by Jan. 31, 2020](#).

Follow the recommended framework, as per the Lakota Local Science Fair [information guidelines](#).

Present your project at the Science Fair with a poster display, project notebook, and oral presentation on Pi Day.

Relax and enjoy yourself. You will do a GREAT job!

For more detailed information, please email [lakotasciencefair@gmail.com](mailto:lakotasciencefair@gmail.com).

## **Jan. 23 & 30: Alternate Credit Information Nights for Secondary Students**

For students entering seventh through twelfth grade in the 2020-2021 school year, information sessions about Lakota's [College Credit Plus \(CCP\)](#), [Credit Flexibility](#), [Summer School](#) and [PE Waiver](#) options are being hosted at both high schools. Representatives from area colleges and universities will be available to answer questions about the CCP program.

Parents and students are invited to attend either session, as the same information will be shared each evening.

**Thursday, January 23**  
**Lakota West**  
**5-7 p.m.**

**Thursday, January 30**  
**Lakota East**  
**5-7 p.m.**

[View the Alternative Credit Information Sessions flyer for more information.](#)

## **Call for Exhibitors: Summer Fun Fair Set for March 2 & 4**

Does your business or organization offer a summer program or activity that's perfect for kids? Are you looking for ways to keep your kids active this summer?

Lakota will partner with more than 100 local businesses and organizations to host its eighth annual Summer Fun Fair this March 2 and 4. The event features local organizations with programs and services to keep students in grades K-12 active this summer. Vendors range from summer camps, learning centers and childcare facilities to athletic leagues, art programs and local parks and recreation.

The open house event features representatives from both for-profit businesses and non-profit organizations. They will be available all at one time and in one location to share information and answer questions about their summer offerings.

For convenience, families and exhibitors are invited to attend either of two events:

**Monday, March 2**  
Lakota East High School  
6-8 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 4**  
Lakota West High School  
6-8 p.m.

There is no cost to exhibit or attend. Exhibitors are encouraged to participate both evenings and will be provided with a table and chairs.

Learn more at [www.lakotaonline.com/summerfair](http://www.lakotaonline.com/summerfair). To register your organization as an exhibitor at the fair, please contact Cindy Zahneis at [Cindy.Zahneis@lakotaonline.com](mailto:Cindy.Zahneis@lakotaonline.com) or at 513-644-1203 before Feb. 24.

