



HJS PRINCIPAL'S TGIF

(Thunderbird Gathering of Information for Friday)

January 10, 2020

Hopewell Families:

Welcome back to the new year!! We are so excited to have our families back to HJS for second semester. I can't believe we are halfway through the school year. We have so much to do over the next few months to get students ready for next year.

Eighth grade parents, please keep a close eye out for important dates coming from the high school. Many of the terrific opportunities at the high school, begin with meetings and trainings this spring. There are also many programs and events built in for our 8th graders to celebrate their journey through junior high. We will continue to communicate those events on our web site and through our TGIF.

Congrats to Jerod Reid for winning one of Scope Magazine's writing contests. Mrs. Riffle had students submit projects for this contest and we very are excited to have a winner. Great work!!

Thank you to our PTSO and congratulations to our 18 students who were recognized as Success Breakfast recipients this morning. Thank you also to our teachers who nominated students and came out to celebrate with them!

Congratulations also to our 64 eighth grade students who were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. A special shout out to Mr. Mark Bauer who will be leading this group through service and leadership growth opportunities.

Registration Schedules

Registration season is fast approaching. Dates and times for scheduling 2020-21 classes will be found here as we get closer to that process. All registration will be done through the student's Home Access Account.

Geography Bee

Good luck to all of our Geography Bee participants this morning in our annual Geography Bee. Every student took a 30 question challenge. The top 28 scores qualified for our Geography Bee. The winner will move on to the state level competition later this school year.

Winter Weather

Just a reminder that even though it is going to be 70° this weekend, winter weather is always right around the corner. For school closure and delay information, the quickest places to check are on Lakotaonline.com or on twitter @LakotaDistrict .

New Hopewell Junior Intern

Hopewell Junior is getting an intern! Meet Zooley, a trained therapy dog who is being placed at Hopewell for the spring semester by Circle Tail, Inc. Mrs. Webber, Mrs. Colbert, and Mrs. DeGroft are busy in training this week learning all about Zooley and all the amazing skills she has learned during her almost 3 years with Circle Tail. We hope to see Zooley starting her job at HJS within the next week. Look for a letter to come home next week with more information.

If you would like more information about Circle Tail, visit their website at circletail.org.

Have a great weekend!!

Jeff Rouff



Folders, Folders, Folders

Have you seen the state of your child's Drives? Are their Drives organized like their rooms at home? Yikes! Digital organization is a skill students will carry with them throughout their lives... Why not start now? Each child will have access to cloud-based drive storage throughout their Lakota career. Keeping these drives organized should be top priority! Ask your child show you their Google and OneDrives on their Chromebooks. Do they have a folder for each grade? Do they have subject folders inside that grade level folder? Maybe they even have specific project folders inside those! Whatever state these Drives are in, always encourage these good habits! Now... how organized are YOUR drives? 😊

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Celebrating December's students, nominated from the four teams and each encore class for excelling in that particular class or team:

ENCORE

Art – Hannah Huon
Band – Anthony Frankl
Digital Tech. – John Walsh
Health – Arsal Alam
Phys. Ed. – Andrew Honigford
Vocal Music – Scott Nicolai
Most Improved – Imani Evans

TEAMS

7 Excellence – Hannah Latty
7 Pride – Kathryn Hobe
8 Hawk – Henry Smart
8 Thunder – Cerine Awad

2nd Semester Conference Night February 6, 2020 4:00-7:30pm

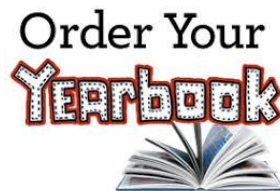
Contact Mrs. Stevens at 777-2258
if you would like to schedule
a conference with your child's
teacher(s) or team.



STAR STUDENTS

Celebrating this week's Star Students:

*Ahmed Aljloob, Briana Bell,
Rebecca Black, Benitta Dwomoh,
Emily Marks, Emme Nguyen,
Mia Rigney, Layla Shalash
and Morgan Wagner*



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.



8th Grade Washington DC Trip

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

Contact Mrs. Parks with any questions
tracey.parks@lakotaonline.com

**HOPEWELL
JUNIOR DRAMA
DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS ...**

**Annie
JR.**

March 6 & March 7

7:00pm

**Tickets:
\$8 purchased online
\$10 at the door**

**The QR code to
purchase Annie
Jr. tickets
online**



Band Notes

Congratulations to our 8th grade band members that auditioned and were selected to participate in Honor Jazz Band this weekend at Kings High School, January 10, 11 & 12. Please see the schedule below:

Honor Jazz Band Rehearsal & Concert Schedule

All rehearsals and the concert are at:

Kings High School
5500 Columbia Road
Kings Mills, Ohio 45040

Rehearsals

Friday, January 10, 2020

Registration: 5:30pm Rehearsal: 6:00pm-9:00pm

Saturday, January 11, 2020

9:00am - 4:00pm Lunch will be brought in for the students, probably pizza

Concert

Sunday, January 12, 2020

1:30pm - Sound Check and Concert 2:30pm

Dress

Students will need to listen to the director about concert attire. Most likely the dress will be school band concert attire, gray band shirt and black pants.

Congratulations to our 7th & 8th grade band members that auditioned and were selected to participate in Honor Concert Band next weekend at Mason Middle School, January 17, 18 & 19. Please see the schedule below:

Honor Concert Band Schedule

Rehearsals are at Mason Middle School:

Friday, January 17

Registration: 5:30pm - 6:00pm

Rehearsal: 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Saturday, January 18

Rehearsal: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Sunday, January 19 2:00 p.m.

Concert is at Mason High School



HJS ATHLETICS

Friday, January 10th
Wrestling at Harrison Inv.

Saturday, January 11th
Wrestling at Harrison Inv.

Monday, January 13th
Boys Basketball at Fairfield Crossroads
Girls Basketball vs. Rapid Run at HJS

Tuesday, January 14th
Wrestling Tri-Match at Sycamore
Girls Basketball at Fairfield Crossroads

Wednesday, January 15th
Boys Basketball vs. Rapid Run at HJS

Thursday, January 16th
Wrestling at Delhi

Saturday, January 18th
Girls Basketball at Princeton 9:00am/10:15 am
Boys Basketball at Princeton 11:30 am/12:45 pm



East Jr. High Wrestling Team

Any questions? Contact Coach John Landers
landersj@bcesc.org

Shuttle Schedule

January 13, 14, 15, 16, 17
January 20, 21, 22, 23, 24
January 27, 28, 29, 30, 31



PTSO NEWS

(Parent, Teacher, Student Organization)
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: 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: 8th Grade Dance

May 21: Field Day

HOPEWELL HAPPENINGS

January 10-20

Friday, January 10	6:45-7:15am 7:30am 9:11-9:41am 2:15-3:30pm	Success Breakfast: Café Geography Bee: Gym Captains Council: Room 146 Drama Club: Room 103
January 10-12		OMEA Honor Jazz Band Weekend @ Kings HS
Monday, January 13	2:15-3:00pm 2:15-3:30pm 2:15-3:15pm 4:30pm 4:30pm 6:30pm	Chess Club Drama Club Yearbook Club Boys Bball v Crossroads @ CMS Girls Bball v Rapid Run @ HJS* <i>*Teacher Appreciation Event</i> PTSO Meeting: HJS Hub
Tuesday, January 14	2:10-2:55pm 4:30pm	Jazz Band: Room 104 Girls Bball v Crossroad @ CMS
Wednesday, January 15	2:15-2:55pm 3:00pm 4:30pm	Faculty Meeting: Cafeteria Report Cards on HAC Boys Bball v Rapid Run @ HJS* <i>*Teacher Appreciation Event</i>
Thursday, January 16	9:15-9:40am 2:10-2:55pm 2:15-3:00pm 2:15-3:30pm	Washington DC Trip Meeting (Students): Gym Jazz Band: Room 104 French Club: Room 204 Art Club: Room 171
Friday, January 17	7:30-9:00am 2:15-3:30pm	Spelling Bee: Gym Drama Club: Room 103 OMEA Honor Concert Band Weekend @ Mason MS (Rehearsal)
Saturday, January 18		OMEA Honor Concert Band Weekend @ Mason MS (Rehearsal) 9:00am Girls Bball v Princeton @ Princeton 11:30am Boys Bball v Princeton @ Princeton
Sunday, January 19		OMEA Honor Concert Band Weekend @ Mason High School (Concert)
Monday, January 20	10:30am 11:15am	No School in Honor of Martin Luther King Day Unity March: West Chester Clock Tower MLK Program: Lakota West HS

Lakota's First ThoughtExchange Gathers Input on Communication

Lakota is introducing a new online platform to regularly engage our community and gather input on different topics. The tool encourages you to share your own thoughts by answering a single question and then rate others' thoughts according to how strongly you agree.

Participate in our first ThoughtExchange to help us continue improving our communication efforts:

What are some specific things you appreciate about how Lakota communicates with you and in what areas can we improve?

Regardless of your connection to Lakota, we value your perspective and want to learn more about how you want to hear from us. [Click here to share your thoughts in Lakota's first ThoughtExchange.](#) The exchange will remain open through Jan. 27.

Jan. 20: Community Celebrates Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Student Winners

The entire West Chester Liberty community is invited to the 21st annual celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, Jan. 20. The March for Unity will begin at 10:30 a.m. at Union Centre's Clock Tower and conclude at Lakota West, where the program, beginning at 11:15 a.m., will lead into a free lunch donated by local restaurants.

This year's contest, themed "20-20 Vision," challenged students to use their hindsight vision to identify Dr. King's single most important accomplishment. All student entries will be on display at Lakota West, and winning essays, skits, songs, artwork or videos will be presented during the program.

[Click here to view this year's list of student MLK Day contest winners.](#) Spots still remain for individuals or families interested in sharing information about their culture at the "Celebration of Unity Expo," a new addition to this year's event.

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.

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. To register your organization as an exhibitor at the fair, please contact Cindy Zahneis at Cindy.Zahneis@lakotaonline.com or at 513-644-1203 before Feb. 24.

