

HARTLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

AT ORE CREEK

October 13, 2011 Newsletter

School office telephone number: (810) 626-2400

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HMSOC PAC NEWS

Our next Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting is Wednesday, November 9 in the HMSOC media center. All interested HMSOC parents are invited and encouraged to attend. Our Fall Fundraiser kickoff is October 21. Students should bring home information regarding our annual fundraiser. Proceeds help support field trips, assemblies, teacher requests, student assignment books, Challenge Day, student recognition, and student assistance.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY

The October after school activity is Friday, October 28 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. This activity is for seventh and eighth grade students and will include music, open gym time, refreshments, foosball, ping-pong, and more. Admission is five dollars (\$5) without a costume and four dollars with. Please contact Ms. Paulson or Mr. Jellison, our Student Council sponsors, through the Middle School office if you are interested as volunteering as a chaperone.

This is a Halloween-themed activity. Students choosing to dress up must adhere to the following guidelines:

- No masks or props
- No inappropriate or excessively violent-themed costumes
- Adhere to school dress code
- Make up, hair color, etc. must be applied at home (not at school)

Please remember to pick up your child between 4:30 and 4:45 for after school activities and promptly at 9:00 p.m. for evening activities. If you need to pick up your child earlier, you must come in to the building. Please remember that these activities are for HMSOC students only, not siblings or other visitors.

THESE SAME GUIDELINES APPLY TO ANY STUDENTS CHOOSING TO DRESS FOR HALLOWEEN AT SCHOOL ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 31.

NO SCHOOL

There is no school for students Tuesday, November 1 due to a scheduled Professional Development day for teachers. There is no school for students Friday, November 11 due to Parent-Teacher Conferences. There is no school Wednesday, November 23 through Friday, November 25 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

PICTURE RETAKES

School picture retakes are scheduled for Tuesday, October 25. Go to schoolpictures.com for more information.

COUNSELING OFFICE

If your child is experiencing difficulty with a family divorce or having trouble coping with the loss of a loved one or with family, school, or peer issues, contact Erica McLennan, HMS Counselor, through the school office for information on our peer support groups.

REPORT CARDS/END OF FIRST MARKING PERIOD

The first marking period ends Friday, November 4. Report cards will be available to parents during November conferences. We will send cards home with students on November 16 for any parents unable to attend conferences. Contact the front office personnel with any questions.

ATHLETICS

The Cross Country and Volleyball seasons will be wrapping up soon. Boys Basketball, the Swim and Dive Team, and Cheer and Pom seasons are coming up soon. Boys INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL starts after school on Monday, October 31 and runs through November 4th (no school or basketball November 1). There will be organized games, but no tryouts. This is open to all 7th and 8th grade boys, even if they do not want to try out for the team. We will also offer open gym time before each home game. Official boys basketball tryouts begin Monday, November 7. Students participating in any school sports team or club must have a current physical (dated after April 15, 2011) on file in the Middle School office in order to participate (forms are available in the Middle School office). There is a participation fee for interscholastic sports and school sponsored clubs. A one-time \$95 fee will allow students to participate in any school team and/or club for which they otherwise qualify (this one-time fee covers all sports and clubs throughout the year).

- Boys Intramural Basketball: October 31 from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.
- Boys Basketball Tryouts: Begin November 7 right after school
- Cheer Tryouts: Begin November 7
- Pom Tryouts: T.B.A.
- November 2 at 7:00 p.m.: Cross Country Banquet
- Swim and Dive Team: practices begin November 7

ATTENDANCE LINE

Please note that we have an attendance line. Call (810) 626-2405 to report a student absence.

YEARBOOK

The HMS Yearbook club has begun meeting. Students work under the direction of Mr. Silverston to produce the school yearbook. Contact Mr. Silverston through the school office for more information. It is still not too late to order a yearbook! Go to jostensyearbooks.com

SCHOOL SAFETY

In order to ensure the safest environment possible, we need your cooperation. We are asking that parents make sure to sign students in or out in the front office if arriving late

or leaving early. We also need you to wait in the front office, not meet students at lockers or in the classroom area. Other safety procedures that we will be strictly enforcing:

- All visitors must report to the office. Those approved to proceed into the classroom area must have a visitor badge.
- All entrances except for the main doors near the office will be locked.
- We will practice at least two lock down drills with students this school year. An actual lock down would be called if there were any situation where it would be safer for students to remain in classrooms with teachers and not be dismissed to hallways or common areas.
- We will not allow students to be signed out by anyone not specifically authorized by a parent/guardian on the emergency card on file in the office.

MEAP TESTING

The MEAP Test window for this school year is Tuesday, October 11 through Friday, October 28. Seventh grade students take the Math and Reading and Writing tests. Eighth grade students will take the Math, Reading and Science Tests. These are important measures of student performance, and we would appreciate your help in making sure students are well rested, eat breakfast, and are in attendance during the testing window. The test schedule is as follows:

10/11	Reading Session 1
10/12	Reading Session 2
10/13	Writing Day 1 (Grade 7)
10/18	Math
10/19	Writing Day 2 (Grade 7)
10/19	Science (Grade 8)
10/20 -- 28	Make-up All Subjects

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

MIDWEST ACADEMIC TALENT SEARCH

If you are interested in having your child take the ACT or SAT now through Midwest Academic Talent Search, please go to <http://www.ctd.northwestern.edu/numats/register/> for more information. You may contact our school counselor, Erica McLennan, with questions.

HONOR POINTS

Each year, eighth grade students are awarded ten honor points. Students must have at least one honor point remaining in order to participate in the annual eighth grade trip to Cedar Point in June. Honor points are deducted for disciplinary infractions.

FALL PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for November 11 and 15 as follows:

- Friday, November 11 from 7:40 – 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 15 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Some teams have scheduled appointment times (they notify parents directly). All other conferences are in individual teacher classrooms (no “arena” style) on a “drop in” basis (first come, first served). In an effort to see as many of our 900 students’ parents as possible – and to minimize wait times as much as possible -- teachers have been asked to keep conference times brief (5-10 minutes). We hope to see you all during conferences.

FREE/REDUCED PRICE LUNCHESES

To apply for free or reduced price lunch at school, a new completed application must be submitted each school year. These forms have been mailed to all students, and additional forms are available in the school office.

HARTLAND ARCHERY

Hartland Archery teams led by HMS teacher Rob Jellison recently attended the World Archery Tournament at Disney World. There were 1071 archers, 48 teams representing 28 states and four countries at this event through the National Archery in the Schools Program. The Hartland team finished fourth place overall. Special congratulations to the following students:

Emily Bee – 292/300 = 1st place in her grade and 1st place overall out of 450 girls.

(Emily won a \$2500 scholarship! 2 new Mathews Bows (one of her choice!), target, plaque, medal, and a huge trophy!! Probably between \$4000 and \$5000 in scholarships and prizes for winning the HS Division and being the overall FEMALE WORLD CHAMPION!)

Betty Jellison – 283/300 = 4th place in her grade and 27th overall out of 450 girls.
 Shelby Simonds – 282/300 = 5th place in her grade and 30th overall out of 450 girls.
 Katey Machala – 282/300 = 12th place in her grade and 82nd overall out of 450 girls.
 Kari Kantola – 262/300 = 18th in her grade and 165th overall out of 450 girls.
 Nicole Tschirret – 256/300 = 40th in her grade and 212th overall out of 245 girls
 Alex McDonlad – 247/300 = 21st in her grade and 247th overall out of 450 girls.

Chris Bee – 291/300 = 2nd in his grade and 10th overall out of 621 boys.

(Chris won a bow case, arrow tube, plaque, and medal for finishing in the Top 5 for the MS Division!)

Chad Cooper – 283/300 = 7th in his grade and 46th overall out of 621 boys.
 David Salerno – 280/300 = 11th in his grade and 65th overall out of 621 boys.
 Collin Pajot – 276/300 = 7th in his grade and 93rd overall out of 621 boys.
 Jake Kantola – 274/300 = 19th in his grade and 113th overall out of 621 boys.
 Derrick Loruss – 269/300 = 12th in his grade and 171st overall out of 621 boys.
 Jacob Popp – 269/300 = 40th in his grade and 173rd overall out of 621 boys.
 Dominick VanEss – 268/300 = 14th in his grade and 180th overall out of 621 boys.
 Konlan Paul – 262/300 = 39th in his grade and 239th overall out of 621 boys.
 Mason Paul – 254/300 = 36th on his grade and 313th overall out of 621 boys.
 Mark Kaczmarek – 243/300 = 42nd in his grade and 420th overall out of 621 boys.
 Collin Flatt – 231/300 = 37th in his grade and 491st overall out of 621 boys.
 Paul Tiano – 226/300 = 135th in his grade and 512th overall out of 621 boys.
 Drew Canny – 206/300 = 155th in his grade and 566th overall out of 621 boys.
 Jacob Beauchamp – 195/300 = 50th in his grade and 590th overall out of 621 boys.

To Qualify for Worlds the archers must have competed at Nationals last May in KY. If a district cannot get 12 archers from a team, they are allowed to have archers “shoot-up” into a higher division. Hartland did not have enough in the Elem. Division or the Middle School Division, so all 22 archers who traveled to Worlds shot on the “High School” team. This allows us to at least “enter” a team score. It is impressive to see how

close we were and we had 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders on our team. The teams that did beat us were made up of only high school archers. To get a “team score” you take the top 12 scores from your team (4 scores must be from opposite gender as the other 8). So a perfect archer score is $300 \times 12 = 3600$ for a perfect team score. The 3400 score by the winning team means on average the top 12 archers shot 285 out of 300! Congratulations Hartland archers and Mr. Jellison.

PARENT CONNECT

Parent Connect allows parents with Internet access to monitor their children’s grades. If you had a password assigned last year, it remains the same. Contact Karen Wilson at pc@hartlandschools.us for assistance.

We have added a new feature to Parent Connect called "Transport Info". This will allow parents to see their children's bus number and schedule when logged in.

Also, as a reminder, parents can keep their e-mail and work numbers up to date under the Updates tab. This convenience allows you the ability to keep some basic information up to date without having to call the schools.

TARDY TO SCHOOL POLICY

Please help your child do his or her best. Attendance is a crucial factor for student academic success.

- Students tardy to school (i.e. late to Homeroom) must be signed in at the front office by a parent or legal guardian in order for the tardy to be considered excused.
- Unexcused tardies to school will result in disciplinary action.

Excessive parent excused tardies may be referred to the Livingston County Attendance Officer.

SAFETY IN THE PARKING LOT

The morning “drop off” time before school and afternoon “pick up” time after school means that students who are being driven to and from school must negotiate a very busy parking lot. PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY AND CAUTIOUSLY and put the safety of our students ahead of time issues.

CELEBRITY SERVER NIGHT

You are invited to attend a “Celebrity Server Night” at Hartland Big Boy Restaurant on Tuesday, October 18, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Principals and Teachers will wait on tables with smiles and enthusiasm for this community fundraiser. All tips given to the servers and 10% of the evening’s sales from Big Boy Restaurant will be donated to the Hartland Optimist Club for “Adopt A Family” at Christmas, and other youth events. The Optimist Club is known as “A Friend of Youth” and sponsors many activities and programs involving children in the community.

An exciting addition to this event will be a drawing for students to win “Breakfast with the Principal.” So bring your children, family and friends to this fun event where their

principals and teachers will be a Server, Host, or Hostess. *Please contact* Judy Cowan 810 632-7415 with any questions.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE

Each school building in the Hartland Consolidated School District has an Instructional Consultative Team (ICT) or Student Assistance Team (SAT) process in place, which is a vehicle for staff members to review student performance and concerns, and collaboratively develop interventions. If you have concerns about your child's development and are interested in more information on special services, contact your child's teacher or building principal. If you have concerns about the development of your infant, toddler, or preschooler, contact the Sue Pearson, Director of Special Education at (810) 626-2102 for more information.

Newsletters will not be mailed home or sent home with students. Updated newsletters will be available approximately every two weeks (every other Thursday) via the school website (www.hartlandschools.us). If you do not have internet access, you or your child may pick up a hard copy of the newsletter in the school office.