

Parent Update February 12th

Good morning! I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler (ok, darn cold) weather as of late! Every time I think it's cold and begin to complain I think back to my days of teaching in the County knowing that they are 20 to 30 degrees colder. I was on a statewide conference call with other principals throughout the state, on Wednesday, and the principal from Fort Fairfield commented that she had to close her windows because it was -20 that day. Yes, I count the tiny blessings in life!

It is SO strange not having the basketball tournaments taking place next week! How many hours have we spent at the Augusta Civic Center, Bangor Auditorium, the Cumberland County Civic, or the Portland Expo? Needless to say, for many, it is a highlight of February! Although we do have the tournament this year there is still a lot of basketball happening over vacation for both MS and HS teams. Settle in with a hot coco, pizza, and wings to cheer on your favorite team and watch via Munzing Media or another livestream option provided by other schools.

Next week is vacation week for the students. I hope that you all get to enjoy all that Maine winters have to offer. The weather looks to be tremendous for skiing, sledding, ice fishing, skating, and smelting! Ms. Vickers took one of her PE classes Nordic skiing, the other day. Although it "looked" cold, the all girls group enjoyed the clear blue skies, the glimmering snow, and the company of one another being outdoors.



If going away during break:

I know some people are going away during vacation. Please make Nurse Hammonds, ahammonds@kidsrsu.org, aware so that she can provide you with information in regards to testing and quarantining upon your return.

Return to school in the fall survey:

If you have not filled out the survey I sent out in regards to returning in the fall please take a moment to click in this [link](#) and fill it out. Please fill out one per student attending HDMS/HS. Thank you to the 200 that have filled it out.

Cohorts:

Please do not change cohorts without getting permission from the school, in advance. As we are occasionally put in a position to contact trace it is imperative that our attendance is as accurate as possible. If your student has opted for remote learning and you haven't informed the school, please take a moment to contact us to let us know.

Semester 1 honor roll:

For those that did not see last weeks honor roll post here is the [link](#)

Middle School Yearbooks:

Please order your MS yearbooks by March 31

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17elxubWiUMpMTCPgPknMfmX6vgoOEwTT3NOZAJ7GRFM/edit>

National Honor Society Tutoring:

The National Honor Society is providing tutoring services for MS & HS students. Don't forget to [sign up for virtual tutoring sessions!](#)

Key Club Polar Plunge:

On February 13th, Hall-Dale Key Club will be holding a virtual Polar Plunge to help raise money for Camp Capella (a camp for individuals with disabilities). We are hoping to raise \$1,000 to help send a camper to camp!

Here's the link to donate:

https://secure.frontstream.com/camp-capella-polar-dip-2021/donate/team/935161?fbclid=IwARothDHYo62uOmOlmwJosXQaazQYfAfvAoFAAK-UOBvSLnywGfMig_2JzKo

Senior Capstone:

Capstones will begin the week of March 15th.

Late Buses:

Due to the lack of students using the late bus we will suspend late busses until further notice.

Athletics:

Saturday Feb 13

1:00 JV Boys v Mt. Ararat / 2:30 V Boys v Mt. Ararat (Munzing media broadcast)

10:00 JV Girls @ Mt. Ararat / 12:00 V Girls @ Mt. Ararat

Monday Feb 15

3:30 MSJV Girls @ Winthrop / 5:00 MSV Girls @ Winthrop (Munzing media broadcast)

3:30 MSJV Boys v Winthrop / 5:00 MSV Boys v Winthrop
5:00 JV Girls @ Gardiner/ 6:30 V Girls @ Gardiner (Munzing media broadcast)

Tuesday February 16

5:00 JV Boys @ Gardiner/ 6:30 V Boys @ Gardiner (Munzing media broadcast)

Wednesday February 17

3:30 MSJV Boys v Richmond / 5:00 MSV Boys v Richmond

** tentative 6:30 MSV Girls v St. Mike's(Munzing media)

3:30 MS JV Girls @ Richmond

Friday February 19

5:00 JV Boys v Boothbay 6:30 V Boys v. Boothbay (Munzing media broadcast)

Enjoy the week! If you're going away, have a fun and safe time. If you're sticking around, embrace and enjoy all that Maine has to offer!

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