



Hawk Talk

For the week of

April 4, 2022

Hello Hawks,

It is hard to believe that we are welcoming the first week of the fourth quarter of the 2021-2022 school year! This quarter brings with it some interesting changes. As you know, Mr. Grant has stepped up to fill the role of the interim superintendent and I am shifting into the role of principal for the rest of the year.

With the changes, we feel that it is important for students to know that our school expectations remain the same. Within the past week, each grade level has had a class meeting where we revisited items from the student handbook. We talked about expectations for safe, respectful, and responsible behavior in the lunchroom, classrooms, and hallways.

We also discussed the importance of attendance. Hermon Middle School has the goal of 95% attendance for our students. Certainly, Covid has interfered with this goal for many, making being in school when possible and being at school on time that much more important. The following information about tardies is taken from the HMS Handbook.

Tardiness:

A student who arrives to school late must report directly to the main office and obtain an admittance slip to be admitted to class. Without this slip, admittance to class will not be permitted. Time lost from class is irretrievable in terms of instructional interaction, sequential presentation of material, and continuity of instruction. Therefore, a student's tardiness will be considered unexcused unless legally excused (see **Excused Absences**). If the school is not notified or the reason does not meet the legal definition (see **Excused Absences**) the tardy will be treated as unexcused.

1- 4 tardies (per quarter) = written notification issued to student. (Tardy slip)

5 - 6 tardies (per quarter) = 1 hour administrative detention

7- 8 tardies (per quarter) = 3 hour administrative detention and parental conference

9 + tardies (per quarter) = 1 day suspension (progressive suspensions will apply)

The entire handbook is available on the HMS website and I've linked it [here](#). At the beginning of each new quarter, the count for tardies is reset and all students start the quarter with a clean slate. The purpose of class meetings was not to reprimand students but to acknowledge changes in personnel, welcome the renewal that a new quarter brings, and recognize the opportunity to complete the 2021-2022 year with a strong finish. We thank you for your support.

Have a great week, and GO HAWKS!

Melissa Biehn

8th Grade News

After visits from and to Hermon High School and a week of course advising, all 8th-grade students have successfully signed up for courses for the 2022-2023 school year.

Information regarding 8th Grade end-of-the-year activities is soon to come.



Baseball and Softball

Try-outs for baseball and softball are happening this week for students in grades 6-8.

Games are scheduled to begin the week of April 25th.

[Click for Practice Schedule](#)

Please choose the correct week on the tab at the bottom.

(Sign-up information was shared during announcements every morning and afternoon for two weeks prior to try-outs.)

There will be a PAC (Parent Advisory Council) Meeting on Thursday, April 7th from 6:00-7:00.

Thank you Mr. Reed!



Another season of intramural dodgeball concluded last week. 5th & 6th grade teams played on Mondays and Wednesdays and 7th & 8th grade teams played Tuesdays and Thursdays. A great time was had by all!

REMINDER

If students will be out of school before or after April vacation, be sure to submit an **advance absence** form. The form can be found...



It is time for Spring Into the Arts!



Next week, we will have many visitors and activities. There will be a mime, a visiting author, Maine musicians, and a band. There will be performances by HHS/HMS band, HHS Improv, and the Treblemakers Show Choir. 7th and 8th-grade students have written their Civic Oration speeches about "An Important Invention". The finalists will be presenting their speeches during the week. Students will also participate in a day of workshops led by teachers. Workshops include feats of engineering, minute to win it, yoga, a variety of art activities, and many, many more.



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