



PATRIOT POST

Week of: Oct. 23, 2023

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TOGETHER**

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE:

Hello HPJH families-

Another weekend down, and another great week of school ahead. Thank you all for putting in the effort it takes to raise your kids, we here at school want to make sure we are putting in the same effort. It is always good when there is support both at school and at home. That being said, the end of the card marking is just around the corner, please check Mi star and be sure your student is all caught up on their work. If your student is struggling, I would recommend that they stay after school and attend our homework center. We run our homework center Monday-Thursday from 3-4, everyone is welcome.

This week is spirit week We have attached a schedule below. We love to see all of the student and staff participation.

With students in mind,

John Barnett

Principal

Hazel Park Junior High

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:

SPIRIT WEEK AT HPJH! See schedule below.

10/24: Girls Basketball Game @ Power Middle School
4:30

10/24: Cross country league meet @ Cranbrook

10/26: Girls basketball game @ Farmington STEAM
Middle School 4:30

10/27: **Picture Re-Takes** *Only for students/staff that weren't here on picture day or if your adult bought a picture package and didn't like the picture. .

10/27: SPIRIT ASSEMBLY: 6th and 7th hour

PBIS FOCUS BEHAVIOR:

Be Respectful:

We are respectful when we stop and listen to others opinions and thoughts!

Quote of the week:

" We don't need to share the same opinions as others, but we need to be respectful ."

-Taylor Swift



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Happy Birthday

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| 10/22 Jordynn Janes | 10/23 Latianna Boatright | 11/26 Patriq Beamon |
| 10/24 Zyarie Lockhart | 10/27 Hannah Bettis | 11/27 K'Brielle Polk |
| 10/25 Ms. Schumacher | 10/28 Qumari Warner | 11/28 Kaydence Viers |
| | | Ms. Dueweke |
| | | Jeremiah Wilkowski |
| | | Mr. Kelly |
| | | Ms. Shelby |



- 10/30: Spooktacular Dance 3:05-4:30
- 10/31 Half day of school (11:05 dismissal)
October PBIS Celebration
- 11/6 November Grade level meetings
- 11/7 No School for students -(election day) *Teachers still report for PD
- 11/8 Mandatory Staff Meeting 3-4 in media center
- 11/9 Family/Teacher Conferences
12:30-3:00 and 4:30-7:00
- 11/15 Math Game Night 6-7:30
- 11/15 PBIS Reward: Field Trip to HPHS for Clue performance @ HPHS
- 11/22 No school- Teacher Choice PD
- 11/23 Thanksgiving Break
- 11/27 Return to school



QUICK ACCESS LINKS:

- [Junior High October Lunch Menu](#)
- [Resources / Quick Links - Parents](#)
- [District Calendar](#)
- [Student Handbook](#)
- [Bullying Prevention & Reporting](#)
- [OK2Say: https://www.michigan.gov/ok2say](https://www.michigan.gov/ok2say)
- [Open House/Meet the teacher nigh info](#)



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Kiger's Korner



**HAVE A
GOOD WEEK**

- ★ We are more than a month into school and we are starting to see a high number of students absent or late to school each week. Being in school is the most important thing for your child. See the attached document for some tips and facts to help with attendance. It is a team effort to support our students, and getting them here is a large part.
★
- ★ Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school.
★
- ★ If your child has to be out, please call the school at 248-658-2300 to let us know so that we can mark them absent
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- ★ If your child is going to be out of school more than 3 days due to an illness, a doctor's note is required to change the unexcused absences to medical absences.
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- ★ If you need to pick up your child for any reason, please make sure you have your ID ready to show at the door, and your child will be sent out to you.



Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School: Pay Attention to Attendance

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your children maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and non-urgent related medical appointments during the school day.
- Keep your student healthy, and if you are concerned about Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your children must stay home because they are sick, make sure they have asked teachers for resources and materials to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.

Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your children feel engaged by their classes, and feel safe from bullies and other threats.
- Make sure your teens are not missing class because of challenges with behavioral issues or school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, contact the school and work with them to find a solution.
- Monitor your teen's academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors when necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage your child to join meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.
- Notice and support your students if they are showing signs of anxiety.

Communicate with the school

- Know the school's attendance policy – incentives and penalties.
- Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not adding up.
- Seek help from school staff, other parents, or community agencies if you need support.

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Visit Attendance Works at www.attendanceworks.org for free downloadable resources and tools!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HPJHS
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER!**



6TH GRADERS: Draedyn Barnett & Chloe Accad

**Students
OF THE
MONTH**



7TH GRADERS: Trent Becker & Azaliah Dinkins



8TH GRADERS: Paul Moore & Annabelle Cook





Picture Retake Day
is Coming

★ SCHOOL ★
PICTURE
★ DAY ★



Picture Retake Day is scheduled for:

Friday, October 27, 2023

If you are not satisfied with your student's original picture or if your student was never photographed on picture day, have your student come to picture retake day.

If you have not ordered pictures, you may preorder online before picture day at www.kaiserstudio.com using the school ID code:

2324HPJR

If you ordered pictures and want them retaken, have your student return their picture package to the photographer and get their picture retaken. Your order will be reprinted with the new picture and sent to the school.

HPJH Spirit Week

October 23-27th

OCTOBER



Spirit Week

10/23 thru 10/27

Monday



PAJAMA Monday

*Come to school in your appropriate pajamas (NO SLIPPERS, SHORT NIGHTGOWNS OR SHORTS, OR TANK TOPS)

Tuesday



Twinning Tuesday

Dress & Style Identical with a friend or group of friends!

Wednesday



“SWAP” Wednesday

*Use your magical potion to “switch places” today! Students dress like teachers and teachers dress like students

Thursday



Team-Up Thursday

*Let's have some skele-fun! Wear as much pink as you can to support breast cancer awareness this month!

Friday



SPIRIT Friday

*Wear your HPJH Spirit Color today!

6th Grade: White
7th Grade: Red
8th Grade: Blue

