



HMS PARENT NEWSLETTER

The local newsletter featuring Hastings Middle School happenings. Connecting, informing, & celebrating our HMS community.

APRIL 2024

GOOD NEWS

HMS is grateful for the Imagine Fund, which has supported field trips for all grade levels this year and created awesome low to no-cost experiences; 5th graders skiing/snowboarding at Buck Hill, 6th graders visiting MN Zoo (this spring), 7th grade Courage Retreat, and 8th grade Eagle Bluff trip.

53 different students in grades 5-8 were selected to participate across six different state honor ensembles in band or choir this spring. These events are sponsored by the state music directors associations and we are proud of our Raiders participants at this level!

All 5th grade students recently participated in assemblies featuring a message about encouragement and accountability. Staff celebrated their behavioral success in the building and raised the bar of expectations for the spring.

Spring is here and a new gardening club is starting soon for all interested HMS students - look for information in the announcements soon!

PARENT PARTNERSHIP



PARENT-TEACHER-ASSOCIATION NEWS

The next HMS PTA meeting is April 9th at 6:30pm in room 123 at Hastings Middle School. New members are needed, and we need your help! Please join us and contribute your ideas, time, and talents to support HMS.

Volunteers are needed for:
The Raider Cove: [sign up link here](#)
Raider Cove Items Needed: [Amazon Wish List](#)

April 12th 5th & 6th Grade Dance (6-8pm):
[Call Lori Marsh at 651-480-7084 to volunteer](#)

Contact PTA President Jessica Monson with any other PTA questions or interest at jmonson@isd200.org.



SAFETY BELONGING I CAN DO THIS

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

HMS spring sports start Tuesday, April 2nd. Over 100 students in grades 5-8 are already registered for either track and field (boys & girls) or boys tennis. You can find more HMS sports info and can still register [HERE](#). Intramural Rec Baseball will be also offered through Community Ed this spring. You can find more info here: [5/6th grade](#) and [7/8th grade](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS

Our spring play *Sally Cotter and the Prisoner of ala Katraz* will be April 4th & 5th at 7pm in the MS auditorium.

The 8th grade Band Spotlight Extravaganza Show is in the HMS Auditorium on April 8th at 6:00pm.

5th and 6th graders are invited to the Decades Dance on Friday April 12th from 6:30-8:00pm!

MS Jazz Night is in the Middle School gym on Thursday, April 25th at 7:00pm.

Reading MCA for grades 5-8 are April 16-17. Math MCA for grades 5-8 are April 23-24. Science MCAs for grades 5 and 8 are May 1-2.

COUNSELING CORNER

Over 80% of of students completed a 2024-25 registration form in the last week. Thanks you! Students have options in music and Language Arts, and your feedback on these forms is appreciated. If you have questions about those choices, please connect with your child's counselor (contact info below).

AVID Information

Next year's 8th graders have an exciting new elective opportunity, AVID. Information has been sent to current 7th grade families and students learned about the program in their science classes on Tuesday. Applications are due April 2.

WEB Information

We are also seeking WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) Leaders for next school year. These 7th and 8th grade students will mentor our new 5th grade students. Current 6th and 7th graders will learn about this on April 4 and receive their applications. Applications are due April 12.

[Ellen Rademacher](#) - 5th Grade School Counseor
[Charlie Black](#) - 6th Grade School Counselor
[Brooke Johnson](#) - 7th Grade School Counselor
[Megan Latch](#) - 8th Grade School Counselor