



Hillcrest Middle School 6th Grade Newsletter

January 19, 2012

**Mark Your
Calendar!**

Dear Parents/Guardians & Students,

We hope everyone had a wonderful winter break and are off to a great New Year. We have the first half of the year behind us and less than another half to go. Our students have survived 6th grade year so far and are doing great! Enclosed in this envelope you will find your child's report card for the 2nd quarter/1st semester. If your child is in danger of failing a subject or subjects for the year, he/she still has time to bring up his/her grade(s) for the year. Mrs. Cortese will meet with all students who are in danger of failing one or more academic subject areas for the year, and a letter will also be sent home. Please read over this letter, sign it and return the bottom portion to your child's homeroom teacher. Good luck to all students for the remainder of the school year! You need to continue to study, study, study, do AND turn in homework, projects and other class assignments. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us directly at the school. If you would like to schedule a conference, please call the guidance office at 355.6114.



Kind regards,
Michi Cortese, Assistant Principal
Gracie McGuffin, Guidance Counselor

January 24- Student of the Quarter @ 1:30pm sponsored by KEMET

January 26 – Vertical Team Meeting with feeder elementary schools.

January 30– SIC @ 7pm
Rising 7th/8th grade Curriculum Night for students taking high school credit courses next school year @ 6:30pm

January 31– Rising 6th grade Curriculum Night @ 6:30pm

Elementary tours begins for Rising 6th Graders

February 6– Current 6th/7th Grade Curriculum Night Make-up date @ 6:30pm

February 7– Rising 6th grade Curriculum Night Make Up date @ 6:30pm

February 15– Progress Reports

February 16– Valentines Dance– 6th grade 3:15-5:00pm

SRS Parent Training in Computer Lab 200 from 4-6pm.

February 20– Presidents' Day– holiday

February 27– SIC @ 7pm

March 1– MAP testing begins

March 7– Bus evacuation

March 9 & 12– Snow Makeup Days



Career News

Students achieve more when they understand the connection between learning and careers. At HMS, your student takes a Career Interest Assessment that relates his/her interests to the 16 career clusters. The results of the assessment help students identify and explore careers and occupations that may be of the most interest to them at this time of their life. The Career Development Facilitator (CDF) can help the students with goal setting and planning, to explore careers, to be more successful in class, to organize studying, and more.

When parents are involved in career education, the students achieve even more. Call **Barb McPoland, CDF**, at **355-6194**, anytime to discuss your student's career assessment results and to find out how you can be even more involved in your child's career exploration.

Course Registration for 2012-2013: February 2012 we will begin registration for your student's courses for the next school year. Students will review/select their related arts choices in the HMS computer lab February 13-17 and parents will have an opportunity to assist in this process at home during this window of time. Present academic teachers will make recommendations Feb. 6-10. If you are unfamiliar with the Student Registration Process on the computer or you do not have access to the internet, you may come to HMS Feb. 16 from 4-6pm for training or call Guidance for an appointment. The HMS website has all the important dates. Please mark your calendar!

***Congratulations to 6th grade student Tania Johnson for being the 6th grade winner for the Anti-Drug Calendar drawing!

Ms. Sharon Webb was selected as Hillcrest Middle School's Teacher of the Year! Congratulations Ms. Webb! We are so very lucky to have you here at HMS!



Positive Referrals

Congratulations to all 6th grade students who've earned positive referrals 2nd quarter! Thank you for contributing positively to Hillcrest Middle! Ethan Gray, Tray Evans, Daniel Fortson, Kaitlyn Weaver, Julia Polaski, Julia Moore, Hanna Richards, Shelby Young, Taylor Brown, Nigel Alston, Devonte Kirksey, Brandon Rozelle, Jordan Whitmire, Trey Adkins, DeShawn Wilson, Matthew Helminski, Kathryn Murphy, Anna Perdun, Cam Michalak, Mikayla Kirksey, McNeill Mullikin, Allie Pergerson, Raquel Chavez-Soto, Kelsey Mackey, Makayla Irby, Ryley Karr, Breanna Bartley, Logan Finley, Armond Stokes, Bailey Bray, Gabriela Boada, Garrett Sayegh, Brennan Delmolino, Joshua Thomas, Zach Brady, and Jenna Nightingale. **Great job! Keep up the good work!**

Student of the Quarter

Congratulations to the following 6th grade students for being nominated Student of the Quarter. Students will receive a certificate, attend an ice cream/banana split social sponsored by KEMET electronics and have their picture and questionnaire displayed on a bulletin board outside the cafeteria. Congratulations to the following 6th grade students that were nominated Student of the Quarter: Garrett Sayegh, McNeill Mullikin, Talea Hawthorne, Alexandra Gravina and Ronnie Clevestine. Congratulations again and thank you for being a good citizen!



Cell Phone Policy Reminder

Students need to remember that cell phones are to be turned off and in lockers during school hours.

1st offense: Confiscation & lunch detention

2nd offense: 30 days & after school detention

3rd offense: 60 days & ISS

4th offense: 60 days & ISS or OSS



HMS Parent Workshop

Our second annual Parent Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 24, 6-8pm. There will be a hotdog supper, door prizes and childcare. We plan to have two speakers, Chris Abee, school psychologist and a teen counselor from Carolina Center for Behavioral Health. A lot of great information, food, and prizes await all parents or grandparents planning to attend! Hope to see you January 24, 2012!

Promotion/Retention Policy

All students must pass all five academic subjects (Language Arts, Math, Science, Literature, Social Studies) in order to be promoted to the 7th grade.

If a student fails one or two academic subjects, he/she may attend summer school. After completing summer school successfully, then he/she will be promoted to 7th grade. A student can only be promoted to the 7th grade if he/she passes the summer school courses that he/she is taking. If a student fails three or more academic subjects, he/she will be required to repeat the 6th grade.

STUDY, STUDY, STUDY!!!

Valentine's Dance

February 16, 2012

3:15-5:00pm

****Rides need to be here by**

5:00pm!!!**



ATTENTION, ATTENTION, ATTENTION!!!!

Many of our 6th graders are not taking homework seriously and grades are suffering! Some may actually fail a subject area due to just not doing homework. Homework can HELP a grade and can even make a grade go up! PLEASE emphasize the importance of using agendas and doing homework each night. There is NO such thing as NO homework. If there is no written homework assigned, students should be **STUDYING** what was done in class that day!