

## **Dear HRMS Families,**

This edition of the HRMS News has information on Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences, Home Access Center, and the Weekly Principal's Chat

### **Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Your student's teachers will be sending information on how to schedule parent conferences on Monday next week. We are using the Calendly program to schedule conferences this year. We are also calling some of our families to help with this process.

Conferences will be scheduled for 15 minutes. Teachers will offer 8 hours (for full time teachers) of conferences between 00/20 and 10/29 in a mixture of afternoon and evening sessions to accommodate family schedules. All of our teachers have scheduled, daily family office hours between 11:30-12:00 if you are unable to attend conferences this fall.

We are mailing Progress Reports on Friday for students who have C's and below in their classes. This is a great opportunity to engage in a conversation with your student, attend conferences, and check Home Access Center (learn more below!).

### **Home Access Center (HAC)**

HAC is a great way to stay in touch with your student's progress at HRMS. I recommend having students check HAC at home with their parents a couple of times a week. Here is a formula that worked for our family and for many others;

- Have your student login and check HAC on their own but within earshot of you.
- Ask "How is it looking?"
- Kids will either tell you "I have A's in (list all classes)" or something like "I have an A in this class, a B plus in this one and C's, D's in these....BUT the papers I turned in have not been graded...."
- This is a chance to ask your student to email their teachers (it is easy through HAC) and copy you on the email as a parent about the missing work.

Some students compulsively check HAC (this happened with two of my own kids) to the point of us as a family having to create rules around NOT checking HAC so often at home. Here is a [Video on How To Use Home Access Center](#) You can also view written directions below.

- Please go to the HRMS Website
- <https://www.hoodriver.k12.or.us/hrms>
- Click on Home Access Center (HAC) under Site Shortcuts
- <https://www.hoodriver.k12.or.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1800>

- Please enter your student's email address and 00 + ID number (they all know this information!)
- This will enable you to view transcripts, attendance, testing and registration information. You can view teacher assignments and grades as well under "Classes".
- Please click "Full View" to see the grades calculated into percentages.

### **Weekly Principal's Chat**

Please watch the [Weekly Principal's Chat Here](#) to learn about Ms. Maria, a mystery staff person who worked as a movie stunt double, a conversation about bullying, a humorous PBIS tip on why the "mute" button is a wise choice during CDL, a game of "BEANBOOZLED" and of course, recognizing our great kids for More Alike Than Different and Panther Pride!

**I hope that you are safe, well, and enjoying the return of the SUNSHINE! Please let me know if you have any questions, concerns, or words of praise for the people and programs of Hood River Middle School.**

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Brent M. Emmons, Principal

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