

Dear HRMS Families,

This edition of the HRMS News contains information on Open House, the Activity Bus, Full Moon Run, Health Media Club, Trimesters, Office Notes, and the September Middle Years.

Open House

We are trying something new at Open House this year! We will start the night on Thursday, September 19 with an optional dinner. It will include a choice of a chicken or veggie burrito, chips, salsa, and a drink. We are asking for \$5.00 for individual dinners and a \$10.00 for families. The burritos will be prepared by Hood River Taqueria. We will have enough food to serve the first 1,000 people for dinner.

6:00-7:00 Burritos with music by the HRMS Jazz Band and our student Mariachi. Food served near the flagpole.

7:00-7:15 Specialist Teacher Presentation in the Auditorium

7:20-7:45 GRADE LEVEL Teachers
-8th Grade in the Old Gym
-7th Grade in the MPR
-6th Grade in the Auditorium (Grace-translation)

7:45 Students and families can tour the school and look at their schedules and meet their teachers

8:15 Open House ends

Our Fall Parent Conferences on October 8 and 17 is the time to meet with individual teachers about your student's progress. I hope to see you at Open House 2019!

Activity Bus

Our Activity Bus picks up student athletes outside of the Old Gym each night at 5:20 PM. A drop at HRVHS connects with a van that goes to Cascade Locks. The bus follows a modified route throughout our attendance boundary.

Full Moon Run

Please join us for the 2019 HRMS Full Moon Run! This is a fundraiser for our PE Department. You can choose to run, walk, or jog up to 5 miles. We ask that you leave the bicycles at home for safety reasons. Please bring a headlamp and enjoy a hot chocolate at the end of the event from our amazing HRMS PTO!

Health Media Club

Our Health Media Club meets every Monday at lunch in the conference room. Please bring a lunch and help our school and community make healthy choices!

Trimesters

Hood River Middle School's schedule is tough to understand. We do our very best to create a master schedule that creates the very best learning environment and course selection to prepare our kids for college and career success. Our Specialist Rotation (Music, PE, Health, FACS, Engineering, and Spanish) will rotate on a trimester schedule. All other classes will be on Four Quarter system. We are doing this so that kids can have a more evenly balanced selection of classes. Grades will be reported at the end of Quarter 2, 3, and 4. Please connect with one of our Specialist Teachers for additional information on this positive change for our school!

Office Notes

Meal Costs : Breakfast will be \$1.75 for this year and Lunches are \$3.05.

Sign- out: Please come to the office to check your child out of school. We are not allowed to dismiss kids with a note to go home. Families are not required to check their kids back into school

The Middle Years

The Middle Years is a brief but excellent newsletter with articles on parenting young adolescents in and out of school. I highly recommend it. I enjoy using the Middle Years as a way to approach difficult topics like peer relationships, social media, and substances. The September 2019 issue is filled with great information including the Short Stop pieces on Taking Good Risks and Agreeing to Disagree, and how a positive attitude can help with learning. You can find the September 2019 Middle Years attached to this newsletter.

Please let me know if you have any questions, concerns, or words of praise for the people or programs of Hood River Middle School. Thank you for your support and I hope you have a great weekend!

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Smart is something you become...not something you are

Inteligente es algo que te conviertes...no algo que eres