

## Heritage Middle School

01/12/2024



## Notes from the Principal

Panther Nation,

Today, we kicked off our Winter STAR assessments in all math classes. The focus and effort our students gave today was incredible. Thank you for your support at home and for making this a priority with your student. We will finish STAR testing on Tuesday with the Reading assessment.

Reminder that we will not be in school on Monday as we will be observing Martin Luther King Day. I saw many students engaged in learning today about Dr. King and his great contributions to our nation. I encourage you and your student to engage in some form of service for our community on Monday.

Have a great weekend and GO PANTHERS!

Joel Assenheimer

Principal



## Important Dates

January 15	<b>NO SCHOOL - MLK DAY</b>
January 16	Reading STAR Assessment
January 24	Winter Pep Rally
January 25 7PM	8th Grade Parent Meeting (Scheduling for High School) @ Darby -
February 9	Dodgeball Tournament - 3PM



## District News

### Cold Weather Precautions

As we anticipate colder temperatures next week, we want to ensure the safety and well-being of our students during their commute to school. With the possibility of colder weather affecting road conditions, there may be transportation delays. Please check your emails or phone messages in the morning for any updates regarding transportation delays. This will help ensure that your child is not waiting at the bus stop for an extended period in the cold.

For families with students who walk to school, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the cold weather. We plan for outdoor recess time as much as possible and try to only keep students in when it dips below 20 degrees.

If your child is in need of winter gear, including coats, hats, gloves, or scarves, please reach out to your student's teacher, counselor, or principal. We have donated winter clothing available, and able to provide the necessary winter gear to ensure your child stays warm and comfortable. Stay warm and safe!

### **K-12 Math Course of Study Revision**

The Hilliard City School District is in the process of revising its K-12 Mathematics Course of Study. We invite all families and the community to preview the K-12 Mathematics Draft Course of Study and provide feedback by [clicking here](#).

### **Kindergarten Registration – Open**

Hilliard City School District will begin Kindergarten Registration on Monday, January 8, 2024, for the 2024-25 school year. If your child will be five years of age on or before September 30, 2024, they are eligible to start kindergarten during the 2024-25 school year.

Parents can access the [registration website](#) (on or after January 8, 2024) to complete online registration. The earlier you complete the registration process, the more likely your student will be able to attend the school assigned to your address. You will also have more flexibility in scheduling the kindergarten screening. Once you begin the registration process, you have 30 days to complete it, or your application will be deleted. Once finished, the Welcome Center will schedule your screening appointment for August.

Please don't delay. The District uses registration numbers in the spring to determine how many kindergarten classes will be offered at each building. Contact the Hilliard City Schools Welcome Center at (614) 921-7096 with questions. For more information, please visit the Hilliard City Schools' website at [www.hilliardschools.org](http://www.hilliardschools.org).

## **Community Survey**

Beginning Monday, January 15, you may be contacted by phone or text to participate in a scientific community survey. In collaboration with the district, Fallon Research will be conducting the survey to gather valuable feedback from our community. Your input is crucial, and we encourage your participation to help shape the future of our district. Thank you for your time and contribution.

## **Parent Accounts for Canvas and How to use them**

Canvas is the online Learning Management System we use in Hilliard Schools. Your child's teacher(s) may use Canvas in a variety of ways. Some examples are: to provide access to important resources, to create online discussions where students can post and reply, and to receive, evaluate, and/or provide feedback on work your child submits digitally. As a parent or guardian, you are already enrolled as an Observer in all of your students' active Canvas courses. To login to Canvas as an observer, go to [hilliard.instructure.com](http://hilliard.instructure.com) or click on the link to Canvas from our [HCS D Parent page](#). Your parent observer username and password match your username and password for Home Access Center. If you want to learn more about how to navigate Canvas as a parent, find the course "How to Use Canvas for Parents" on the homepage after you login.

## **College Savings Strategies for K-8 Families**

Hilliard City Schools is hosting an event to inform parents about strategies to save for college. Mr. Woodford, College Counselor, will present along with J.D Archer and Sara Canterbury from Rider+Reinke Financial Group. We will dig into the pros and cons of all options that are available, as well as cover some potential pitfalls to avoid. This will be an informative conversation on what is available to help you and your student pay for college. There will be a short Q & A session at the end.

What: Saving for College

Where: Davidson HS

When: Jan 23 at 6:30 pm

Any questions, please reach out to Tom Woodford  
atTom\_Woodford@hboe.org

## **ROX Event for Fathers And Daughters**

You are invited to join Ruling Our eXperiences (ROX), a district partner and local nonprofit, for a fun and empowering workshop for dads and their girls, grades 6-8, on Saturday, January 20. You'll start off the day in peer groups, with girls getting to discuss how to find their voice and dads learning simple strategies for communicating with their girls. Then, together, you will get a safe archery lesson and target practice from the Ohio Division of Wildlife. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

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