



Huntingdon Area School District



Huntingdon Area Middle School

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10/9/22 - MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION

Hi Students, Parents & Guardians,

I hope this message finds you doing well! It is hard to believe we are getting close to the middle of October. Before we know it, Thanksgiving break will be upon us.

Please take a few minutes to read the information that follows as it provides some insight to events and activities at the MS.

School Safety Month - October

October is recognized as school safety month here in Huntingdon. Over the next few weeks the Huntingdon Area Middle School will be holding an unannounced active intruder drill. During this drill, teachers and students will be putting into practice our safety protocols that have been taught over the years.

The infographic is a vertical poster with a dark blue background at the top. It features three circular icons: a person running, a person hiding under a desk, and a person fighting. Below these icons, the words 'RUN', 'HIDE', and 'FIGHT' are written in large, bold, white letters on a green background. Underneath, the text 'BE PREPARED | ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE' is written in white. The poster is divided into three sections, each with a circular icon and a title: 'RUN', 'HIDE', and 'FIGHT'. Each section contains a list of instructions. A small box at the bottom right of the 'FIGHT' section contains the text 'FIGHT ONLY AS A LAST RESORT'.

BE PREPARED | ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE

RUN

If a safe path is available, RUN

- Do not hesitate, get out
- Leave your belongings
- Do not attempt to move injured people

HIDE

If you cannot get out safely, HIDE

- Be quiet and silence your phone
- Block entrances and lock doors
- Stay out of the shooter's view

FIGHT

If your life is in danger, FIGHT

- Try to disable the shooter
- Use improvised weapons
- Fight like your life depends on it

FIGHT ONLY AS A LAST RESORT

FREE BREAKFAST FOR ALL STUDENTS

The Huntingdon Area School District is proud to officially announce that as of October 1, 2022, and through the end of the 2022-2023 School Year we have had a change to our School Breakfast Program. All students can receive a school breakfast at no charge.

This change is only applicable to the School Breakfast Program in the 2022-2023 School Year and does not affect a student's eligibility status for lunch (free, reduced, and paid, respectively).



HAMS Halloween Dance - October 29 (6-8 pm)

- Costumes Encouraged!
- No full face masks or weapons!
- Bring \$\$ for pizza, snacks, soda, candy!



Looking forward to a SPOOKtacular time!

Soup & Chili Cookoff - November 5 (11 am - 2 pm)

Our Positive Behavior and Supports Team (PaPBS) will be holding a Soup and Chili Cookoff in the Middle School cafeteria on **November 5 from 11 am - 2 pm**. We are looking for donations of food items, roasters/crockpots, your time, and if you think you have what it takes, soup/chili to enter into the competition. We usually raise over \$1,000 during this event to help fund our activities and store. Thank you for your willingness to make this event a success.

Contestants...BRING THE HEAT!

Prizes for:

- People's Choice: Best Chili
- People Choice: Best Soup

Attendees...YOU BE THE JUDGE!

Items for Sale:

- Soup & Chili Samples - \$5
- Pint - \$4
- Quart - \$8
- Baked Goods
- Variety of Cold Drinks



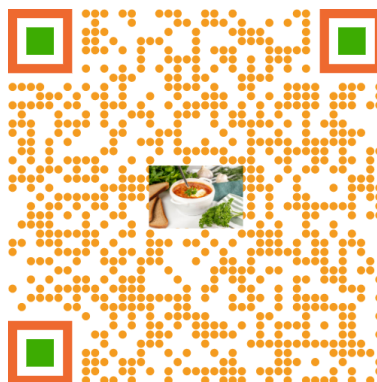
There will also be a toppings and condiment bar available to add flavor to your soup and chili!

Soup & Chili Cookoff Donations

The Middle School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports Team (PBIS) needs your help!

Please scan the QR code or click on the link and let us know if you are willing to donate items to help both of these groups. There will be various times throughout the year that we will ask for parent donations to help with activities and celebrations.

HAMS Soup and Chili Cookoff Donations



Parent-Teacher Conferences - November 10

The Huntingdon Area Middle School will be holding Parent Teacher Conferences on Thursday, November 10 from 11:40 am until 6:30 pm. Conferences will be scheduled every 10 minutes.

Participating in parent teacher conferences are highly encouraged and recommended especially if your child is struggling with school. You will have the option to schedule a face-to-face meeting with your child's teachers or schedule a zoom meeting conference. If you prefer a zoom conference, you will have to provide us with an email address so we can provide you with the zoom login information. Zoom login information will be provided at a later date.

Stay tuned for more information on how to sign-up for conferences!



Book Fair

The HAMS will be holding a Book Fair from **November 14-18**.



Homework Help

Homework Help for the 2022-2023 school year will begin Tuesday, September 6.

Homework Help is located in the MS library and is held Monday through Thursday from 2:50pm - 3:50pm. If you would like more information on Homework Help, please contact the office at 643-2900.

2022 - 2023 Yearbooks are on sale!

Buy early and save! **Now through October 31 books are \$23!** Price will increase after that date.

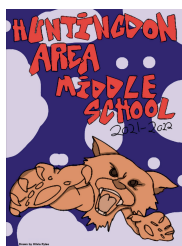
Order **ONLINE** at

<https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1010237/Huntingdon-Area-Middle-School/>

OR by going to www.jostensyearbooks.com and typing in Huntingdon Area Middle School. Paper forms will be sent home with beginning of year paperwork, but all orders will go directly through JOSTENS.

JOSTENS is once again offering FREE icons with purchase of yearbook personalization! Offer runs through September 15th.

Please help us fill our pages by sharing pictures of your 6th, 7th, or 8th grader! First day of school pictures, junior high sports snapshots, dance and event photos, and baby pictures (8th grade only) can be sent to agoodman@huntsd.org!



Save the Dates

- Friday, October 21 - No School for Students - Act 80 Day!
- Wednesday, October 26 - Picture Retakes
- Thursday, October 27 - End of the 1st Marking Period
- Saturday, October 29 - HAMS Halloween Dance
- Saturday, November 5 - Soup & Chili Cookoff
- Wednesday, November 9 - Whoopie Pie Pick-up (after school)
- Thursday, November 10 - Early Dismissal @ 11:15 & Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Monday, November 14-18 - Book Fair
- Friday, November 18 - End of 1st Trimester
- Wednesday, November 23 - Early Dismissal @ 11:15
- Thursday, November 24 - Tuesday, November 29 - No School