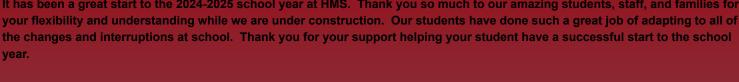
# HOLMen MIDDLe SCHO CTOBER 2024 VIKING UPDATES

It has been a great start to the 2024-2025 school year at HMS. Thank you so much to our amazing students, staff, and families for your flexibility and understanding while we are under construction. Our students have done such a great job of adapting to all of the changes and interruptions at school. Thank you for your support helping your student have a successful start to the school year.



With our early start it is hard to believe that we have already had mid-term grades and student family conferences. We will be wrapping up our fall activities season soon and start moving into our winter seasons by the end of this month. If you are able to stop by HMS, check out some of the amazing things our students are doing in their activities. Once again, thank you to our student athletes, coaches and families for your flexibility with our facilities during construction.

Please check out a few updates below:

Morning Drop Off Reminders - REMEMBER, the best area to pick up and drop off students is outside of door A near the staff parking lot and bus pickup area. It is also the safest. While you are dropping off your students, please drive slowly and watch for staff, students, and families that are walking in the parking lot to enter the school.

Lighted Crossing - Main Street - Once again, we are are excited for the installation of a new lighted crosswalk at the intersection of Main Street and West Clyde Street for students that walk or bike to school. Before and after school we appreciate families driving slow on Main Street and making sure to stop for the blinking lights to ensure students can safely cross.

Please take a look at all of the amazing things happening at HMS in our Fall Newsletter. I am so proud of all of our students. As always, thank you for your support at HMS. We could not do this without you.

### **HMS** Information

**Phone Number** 608-526-3391

**School Hours** 7:35am - 2:40pm

### **Principal**

Ryan Vogler vogrya@holmen.k12.wi.us

### **Early Release**

2nd Wednesday of every month

Dismissal - 12:40pm

Have an Awesome Day and Be Kind! Ryan Vogler Holmen Middle School Principal

# OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6M Adventure Day	3 Family Teacher Conferences	4	5
6	7 Student Council Meeting	8	9 Picture Retake Day Early Release	10	11	12
13	14 7/8th Fall Review Concert	15 6th Bow Graduation	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 7/8th Gallery Club	24	25	26
27	28 No School	29	30 6S Adventure Day 6th Gallery Club	31		

# November Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Student Council Meeting	5	6 6th Gallery Club	7	8	9
10	11 Veteran's Day Program	12	13 Early Release	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School	

# December calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 6th Gallery Club	5	6	7
8	9 7/8th Gallery	10	11 Early Release	12	13 Winter Orchestra Concert	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 No School	24 No School	25 No School	26 No School	27 No School	28
29	30 No School	31 No School				

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## Early Release or Late Start

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Early Release Student Schedule						
Grade 6	Grade 6 Grade 7					
Advisory 7:35 - 8:00 25 minutes	Advisory 7:35 - 8:00 25 minutes	Advisory 7:35 - 8:00 25 minutes				
Core 1 8:03 - 8:38 35 minutes	Core 1 8:03 - 8:38 35 minutes	Core 1 8:03 - 8:38 35 minutes				
Core 2 8:41 - 9:16 35 mintes	Core 2 8:41 - 9:16 35 mintes	Encore 1 8:41 - 9:07 26 minutes				
		Encore 2 9:10 - 9:36 26 minutes				
Core 3 9:19 - 9:54 35 minutes	Core 3 9:19 - 9:54 35 minutes	Core 2 9:39 - 10:14				
Lunch 9:57 - 10:27 30 minutes	Encore 1 9:57 - 10:23 26 minutes	35 minutes				
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Late Start Student Schedule					
Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8			
Advisory	Advisory	Advisory			
9:35-9:48	9:35-9:48	9:35-9:48			
13 minutes	13 minutes	13 minutes			
Core 1	Core 1	Core 1			
9:51 - 10:29	9:51 - 10:29	9:51 - 10:29			
38 minutes	38 minutes	38 minutes			
Core 2	Core 2	Encore 1			
10:32 - 11:10	10:32 - 11:10	10:32-10:58			
38 minutes	38 minutes	26 minutes			
Lunch	Core 3	Encore 2			
11:13 - 11:43	11:13 - 11:51	11:01-11:27			
30 minutes	38 minutes	26 minutes			
Core 3	Encore 1	Core 2			
11:46 - 12:24	11:54-12:20	11:30-12:08			
38 minutes	26 minutes	38 minutes			
Core 4 12:27 - 1:05	Encore 2 12:23-12:49 26 minutes	Lunch 12:11-12:41 30 minutes			
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# ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

Attendance at school is essential to the successful completion of an education. Good communication from the school to the home and from the home to the school regarding absences is a major responsibility for the school and the home. Part of the school's mission is to teach students good work habits, which includes regular attendance.

All attendance matters (signing in or out, special leave requests, passes to leave school, reporting absences, etc.) are handled at the attendance desk. The attendance desk is located in the main office inside the Door D entrance.

- Please report all absences by 7:30 a.m. by calling the attendance line at 526-1369. If we do not hear from you, we will attempt to contact you to verify the absence. If no contact occurs, the absence will be considered unexcused.
- If your child needs to leave school during the school day: To avoid interruptions to the classroom we ask that you send a note with your student in the morning. They should bring the note to the attendance desk before school starts in the morning and we will issue them a pass to leave class. When it is time for them to leave, it is the student's responsibility to report to the attendance desk and wait for you to sign them out. Upon returning to school, the student is to sign in at the attendance desk to obtain a pass to return to class.
- If your child arrives late for school: Please send a note with your child or call (526-1369) so we can excuse him/her. Upon arrival he/she should report to the attendance desk to sign in and get a pass for class.
- Homework requests: If you wish to request homework, please leave that
  message when you call in your child's absence. Your child can also check his/her
  homework from their Chromebook.



## Attendance: Jenny Eickhoff

Call:608-526-1369

Text: 608-492-1340

Email: eicjen@holmen.k12.wi.us

# ATHLETIC & AGIMINES DEPARTMENT

Holmen Middle School Athletics and Activities are well underway. We are looking forward to a great year! As the year goes on, we will have competitions, matches, performances, & meets, and we encourage spectators to support our HMS students who are involved. Having many events at HMS, I want to remind you of the expectations.

- Arrival at events can start 15 minutes before the event beginning
  - This allows the students to get ready for their event.
- Cheering is encouraged as long as it is respectful towards HMS & visiting teams
- Attending events means staying in that location throughout the entire event
- There will be no access to the grade levels & lockers after 3:00 p.m.

I can't wait to see you all at our events here at HMS.

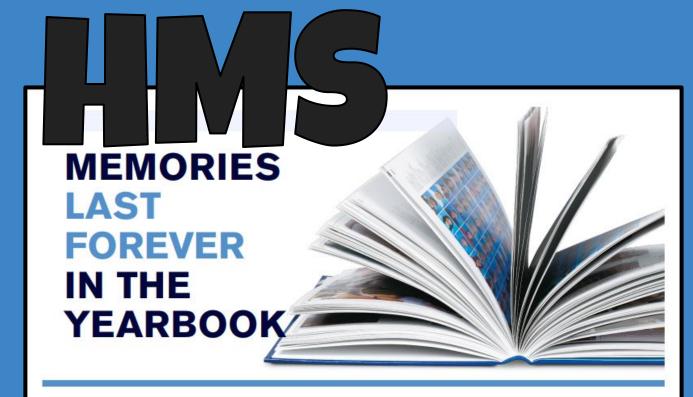
### **WINTER SEASONS ARE STARTING SOON:**

Winter 1 Season Starts: October 29th Winter 2 Season Starts: January 2nd

Make sure to have your physical and registration complete. If you have any questions please contact Ben Tashner, HMS Activities Director, or Jenny Eickhoff, Activities Admin Assistant.









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Classes have started. Sports and clubs are getting back into gear. Before you get too busy, it's the perfect time to order your student a yearbook!

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## October 9th, 2024

Students who didn't have their picture taken or students that want to retake their picture can do it on this day.







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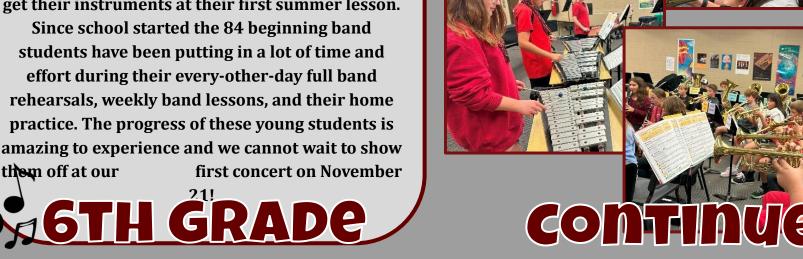
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## The sixth-grade band students have been busy since the summer. One of the most exciting days of the summer band program is when the sixth graders select their instruments during the fitting day. A close rival of that day is when the students get their instruments at their first summer lesson. Since school started the 84 beginning band students have been putting in a lot of time and effort during their every-other-day full band rehearsals, weekly band lessons, and their home practice. The progress of these young students is

them off at our



HIMS BAND NEW

# HMS BAND NEWS









The seventh and eighth grade bands have also been busy. In August, the combined seventh and eighth grade marching band had their first performance in the Holmen Kornfest Parade. In just three short weeks, the band prepared, memorized, and marched to the theme from the 1970's satirical Western movie "Blazing Saddles." The band marched in the Holmen Homecoming Parade September on Friday, September 20 and the Oktoberfest Torchlight Parade on Thursday, September 26. The last marching band performance for 2024 will be the marching band review concert with the HHS marching band on Monday, October 14 at 7:30pm at Empire Stadium. Huge thanks to all the parents and family members who volunteered their time to walk with the band at their fall parades!!

# 7-TH-&-8-TH-GRADE

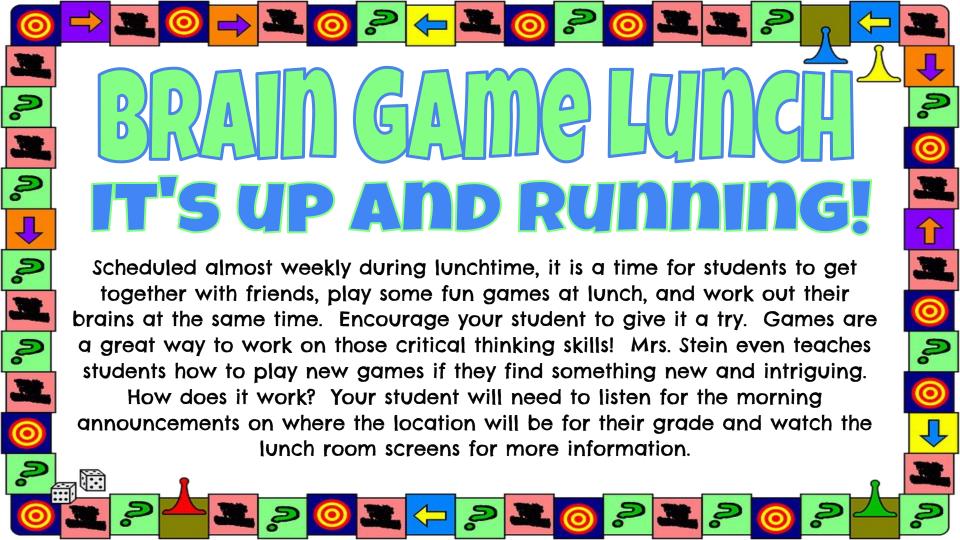
### **UPCOMING BAND EVENTS**

- · Fall Review Concert with HHS Band (7 & 8 grade) Monday, October 14, 2024, 7:30pm
- · Veteran's Day Program (8th grade) Monday, November 11, 2024, 9:00am
- · Western Wisconsin Honor Band (select students) Friday, November 15, all day
- Beginning Band Concert (6th grade) Thursday, November 21, 2024, 7:00pm
- · WCBA Honor Band (select students) Saturday, January 18, 2025, all day
- · Solo & Ensemble Festival (7 & 8 grade) Saturday, February 18, 2025

- · Collage Concert (7 & 8 grade) Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 7:30pm
- · Large Group Band Festival (7th grade) Wednesday, March 26, 2025, during school
- · Large Group Band Festival (8th grade) Thursday, March 27, 2025, during school
- · State Solo & Ensemble (qualifying students) Sat., April 26, 2025
- · HMS Spring Band Concerts Tuesday, May 6, 2025
  - 6th grade bands-6:30pm, 7th & 8th grade bands 7:30pm









Holmen Middle School is once again participating in the Noetic Learning Math Contest. Every year, more than 30,000 students from more than 500 schools across the United States participate in the contest and compete against each other.

The Noetic Learning Math Contest encourages students to excel in math by mastering their problem-solving skills. In the Contest, Mathletes apply their problem-solving skills and the math concepts they learn in math class to solve twenty non-routine math problems that call for creativity, originality, and thinking skills.

NLMC Mathletes are given 45 minutes to solve 20 challenging math problems with paper and pencil. We conduct the contest during the school day. The high scorer at each grade level receives a Team Winner medal. The top 10% of all students nationwide at each grade level receive National Honor Roll medals. The top 50% of students at each grade level receive National Honorable Mention ribbons.

The Fall Contest is in November, but Mrs. Stein will hold practices in October for those students who are interested. The practices are NOT mandatory. Have your child watch the digital signage in the cafeteria or listen to the daily announcements for the dates of the practices and how to sign up for the competition.

If you have any questions, please contact me or visit the website <a href="http://www.noetic-learning.com/mathcontest">http://www.noetic-learning.com/mathcontest</a> for additional information.

Susan Stein HMS TAG Teacher

# FREE-BUILD FUN DAYS

THEM TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR FREE-BUILD FUNDAYS. DURING LUNCH ON FREE-BUILD FUNDAYS, STUDENTS JOIN MRS. STEIN AND BUILD WITH CLASSIC LEGOS TO THEIR HEARTS' CONTENT. FREE-BUILD FUNDAYS WILL HAPPEN SEVERAL TIMES A MONTH!

HAVE YOUR LEGO FANATIC LISTEN TO THE MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS OR WATCH THE DIGITAL SIGNAGE IN THE CAFETERIA TO LEARN WHEN AND WHERE THE NEXT FREE-BUILD FUN DAY WILL BE.



# Our HMS Cross Country team ran with the HHS team in September!



# A Human Library Special Invitation for 8th Grade Students ALLARE WELCOME

Where: Holmen Community Center

When: Monday, October 7, 6:00-7:30 PM (doors open at 5:30) - This is a Come and Go event, so please come late or leave early as your family schedule permits.

What is a Human Library? A library is full of books that tell the stories of our experiences as human beings. What if instead of hard copy books, these stories were told by the human beings that experienced them - a Human Library. "Borrowers" could come and listen, ask guestions, and learn from the experiences of someone else. All of the presentations will focus on this year's National History Day project theme of Turning Points in History as a way to help 8th graders choose excellent topics. However, the event is open to anyone who might be interested. There are so many interesting "books" to read! We hope to see you there!

### 2024 Book Titles

- · Deenie Laskey: Army Nurse in Iraq
- · Mary Nugent and Chris Haskell League of Women Voters
- · Greg Wegner: Free Thinkers
- James Card: Fly-Fishing
- Lee Rasch: Coping with the Political Divide

- Jacqui and Mark Kartman: Peace Corps in Costa Rica
- Dr. Cheng Her: The Journey to Citizenship
- Dr. Heather Walder: Archeology
- Dr. Chuck Lee: Friends of the Marsh
- Jill Gamez: Treating Opioid Addiction
- Linda Lee and Diane Fernholz : Heart2Heart, Caring for Companion Animals



# STUDent Services «Greetings»

Grade level school counselors have already been busy in the classroom with your students. Each fall we start off with an introduction lesson to review our role as school counselors and other important information to start the year strong. One of the essential things we cover with all three grade levels is creating a shared understanding of what we call a "crisis" or "emergency" in the area of student safety and how to access help depending on the timing, either during the school day or outside of school hours. We want to share this information with you as well, so we are all able to work together in partnership to support our young people and their navigation of an increasingly complex world.

Help during a crisis: A crisis situation is when an individual is experiencing harm or the threat of harm from someone else, learns about harm or potential harm to someone else, or if they are feeling at risk for self-harm. We teach students that in a crisis situation, we want them to talk with somebody right away who can help. We want young people to have an actual verbal conversation with a trusted adult who can support them or access additional support, rather than relying on electronic communication.

### Students: During the School Day

- Let a staff member know right away that you to need to talk to someone about a situation that is or may be an Emergency or Crisis situation
- DO NOT EMAIL

Our staff will then reach out to Student Services staff right away to meet with the student to gather more information. If the student's grade level counselor or other Student Services staff are unavailable, our administrative team will be contacted to support.

### Students: Outside of School Hours

- Talk to a trusted adult.
- With the trusted adult or if a trusted adult is not available, use community resources for assistance
   911, 988, or 211 (info below)
- PLEASE do not just email, post online, or wait until the next day to get help for yourself or someone else.

### Additional Community Resources for Families

- La Crosse County Mobile Crisis: 608-784-HELP (4357)
- National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
- NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)
   La Crosse/ Vernon County:
  - Text "NAMI" to 741741 for 24/7 confidential, free crisis counseling
- The Trevor Project: 24/7/365 support for LGBTQIA+



## **HMS Student Services Team**

Ms. Erica Kohlmeyer, School Counselor (Class of 2029)
Mrs. Heather Retzlaff, School Counselor (Class of 2030)
Ms. Jen Dienger, School Counselor (Class of 2031)
Ms. Bobbi Jo Loomis, School Psychologist



# DEGA GOAT DRIVE

Please donate any of your new or used winter coats, hats, and mittens to help out the surrounding community this Holiday season!

Place your apparel in the labeled containers located near the main office.

# OCTOBER 7TH-28TH

# PERTUSSIS (WHOOPING COUGH)



Pertussis, also called whooping cough, is a disease that is caused by a bacteria that attaches to the lining of the lungs. At first a person may feel like they have a cold with a runny nose, low-grade fever, and slight cough. After about a week, the person can start to have violent dry, coughing fits that can last a minute or longer. These fits can make it hard to breathe. Often during the coughing fits, a person needs to take a deep breath, which causes a "whooping" sound. Sometimes the coughing fits lead to vomiting. The disease is most serious in babies and can cause pneumonia (a lung infection). Half of babies who catch whooping cough go to the hospital and some even die.

#### How is it spread?



- Pertussis is caused by a bacteria that can easily be spread from person to person.
- Bables can catch pertussis from anyone around them (e.g., parents, siblings, grandparents, or babysitters) who spread the disease while holding or caring for the baby.
- The bacteria travels through the air on droplets of saliva. It can be spread by a sick person coughing or sneezing, or by spending time near an infected person.
- Infected people can spread pertussis up to three weeks after the cough begins if they are not treated with the appropriate antibiotics.

#### What are the signs and symptoms?

### Early Symptoms

#### Later Symptoms

- Runny nose
- Occasional cough
- Fits of violent coughs that may be followed by a deep breath that makes a "whoop" sound or vomiting
- Coughing fits that make it difficult to breathe

#### How can pertussis be prevented?

The best way to prevent pertussis among babies, teens, and adults is to get vaccinated.

- Children need five doses of DTaP (Diphteria, Tetnaus, Pertussis) vaccine; the series is administered at ages 2. 4. 6. and 15 months, and a booster between 4 and 6 years of age.
- Teenagers should get the Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) vaccine at age 11 or 12 years.
- Pregnant women should receive one dose of Tdap during each pregnancy, preferably during the early part of gestational weeks 27–36, regardless of prior history of receiving Tdap.
- Other adults should get at least one Tdap vaccine in their life.
- Keep babies and other high-risk people away from people who are sick with pertussis.
- Talk with your health care professional about getting vaccinated against pertussis.

For more information on the vaccine, please visit:

http://www.immunize.org/vis/dtap.pdf or www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/tdap.

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- Transport students to athletic events, activities or field trips rather than normal bus routes
- Limited term position without benefits
- Anticipated to be at least 20 hours/week and no more than 40 hours/week

### Holmen Middle School

Visit us at our website

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## Looking for things to do?

Checkout the <u>Virtual Backpack</u> where community events are listed.

Coulee <u>Parenting Connection</u> also lists things that are going on in our community.

Holmen Parks and Recreation offers many thing for kids, adults and families to do.

## Information

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Early Release
2nd Wednesday of every month
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Principal:

Ryan Vogler - voqrya@holmen.k12.wi.us

**Associate Principals:** 

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