

Har-Bur Happenings
January 10 through January 24, 2020
Two Great Towns. One Awesome School. Endless Opportunities...

Just a reminder that students' Approaches to Learning are accessible in Powerschool as of December 20th. Students met in their PAW Advisory groups on January 7th to review their individual progress, look for a goal for improvement, and then design a plan to make progress in a specific area. In February, students will meet with their teachers to look at their progress toward the goal.

Valuable School Information and Reminders:

- From our reading interventionists:
<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/books-and-reading/reading-resources/developing-reading-skills/17-ways-to-keep-your-middle-schooler-turning-pages.html>
- Our front doors are locked at 4:00 pm. Access to Har-Bur is through the Mills athletic entrance after that time.
- Students entering 7th grade will need to submit a **current physical**, as required by the state of CT. The physical may be done in 6th grade (end of their 5th grade year from June 1st or later) must be submitted on the blue Health Assessment form and must include: a hemoglobin or hematocrit and proof of immunizations for Tdap, two varicella doses, two doses of Hepatitis A, and dose of meningococcal vaccine. Mrs. Mauro will accept the physicals until June 10 of this current school year. Extra forms are available from Mrs. Mauro. If you have any questions please call or email Mrs. Mauro (673-6163, ext. 17310. Email mauror@region10ct.org)
- Mrs. Mauro will be conducting the **5th grade students' hearing assessments**, beginning in late January. The assessment is mandated by the state of Connecticut. If parent/guardian wishes to excuse their child from the assessment, please send in a note with the child with your request, or you may email Mrs. Mauro (mauror@region10ct.org).
- Our school has a **six-day rotating schedule**. If we miss a day of school for weather, we also skip that day in the rotation. For instance, if there is no school on January 3rd, January 6th is still a day 1. Below is our coming day rotation.

January	13	14	15	16	17
Day of the rotation	6	1	2	3	4
January	20	21	22	23	24
Day of the rotation	x	5	6	1	2

Student Activities Information

- Be on the **Look Out for Movie Night** at HarBur Jan 24th sponsored by the Husky Club. Grades 5&6 will be from 3:00-5:00 and 7 & 8 will be from 6:00-8:00. From 5:00-6:00 we will be having Pizza and baked goods for sale. All proceeds will benefit a local charity.
- The next meeting of **Har-Bur's Board Game Club** will be on Thursday, January 16th, in room 212. Please see Mrs. Grant or Mrs. Guglielmo for more information.
- All 5th and 6th grade students are invited to attend our next **5th and 6th Grade Book Club** after school on Tuesday, February 11th to discuss *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein. There will be a book-themed snack and book inspired escape room challenges prior to talking about the book. Permission forms and copies of the book are available from Mrs. Bohan in Room 226 or Mrs. O'Connor in Room 125.

- The **Page-Turner Book Club** for students in grades 7 and 8 will be reading mysteries this month! The group will meet on Tuesday, January 28th in rm. 212 to discuss *The Weekend Was Murder*, by Joan Lowery Nixon. Please see Mrs. Grant for more information.
- **Drama Club** – For students interested in learning more about the theatre program, there is an acting workshop open to all students including previous Ensemble members on January 15th. Students may sign up with Mrs. Bebey in the Har-Bur library or parents can contact her at bebeyl@region10ct.org Important Dates: Jan. 15th 3:00-4:30 Acting Workshop — Open to all - Feb. 7th & Feb. 10th -3:00 –4:30 Auditions Feb. 13th 3:00-4:30 First Rehearsal (Rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays & Thursdays) June 1-4th 3:00-5:30 Dress Rehearsals June 5th 7pm Performance June 6th 2pm Performance
- **Students who** would like to **stay after to watch sporting events** need to be with a parent or report to Mrs. Milius’ room (215) after school. Mrs. Milius will chaperone after school home games. Please send in a note with your child if they plan to stay. Students will need to arrange pickup at 4:30 p.m. or go home on our late bus at 4:15 p.m.
- We are excited to share that **author Rob Buyea will visit our school on April 6th!** Mr. Buyea is the author of two insightful and engaging middle school series, *Because of Mr. Terupt*, and *The Perfect Score*. His first book, *Because of Mr. Terupt* was the 2013 Nutmeg State Award Winner for intermediate grades and continues to be a favorite today. During his visit, he will give a school-wide presentation, as well as visit language arts classrooms. All of his books are available in our Learning Center for students who would like to read them before his visit.
- Enrollment for the 8th graders **DC trip** in May 2020 continues. You can contact Mr. Bogen at bogenp@region10ct.org or visit his webpage if you want more information. Please sign up online at [EF Explore America](#) or call: 888-333-9756 our Washington Tour Number: 2239102TR. We have limited room left on this trip.
- American Red Cross Blood Drive- Har-Bur, along with the helping hands of Kids in the Middle, will be hosting the annual blood drive on January 11, 2020, between the hours of 8 am-1 pm. If you would like to donate, please visit the following link: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time> The “Sponsor Code” is: harbur According to the American Red Cross, “Your gift could save up to 3 lives”. Once you create an appointment, use the QR scan code on the Blood donation flyer below. This will expedite your wait time on the day of your donation. Thank you for donating!
- On Wednesday, January 22nd at 6:30 p.m., we will meet with all students and parents for the 8th graders going to **Quebec/Montreal** this year. We all need to fill out and have notarized a form given out to the adults that night. The form gives us permission to take children into Canada. This form, which is required by the Canadian government, must be signed and notarized by BOTH parents within the 30-day window of travel. It cannot be completed before January 20th since we get back February 19th. We will cover other questions for parents and students that evening as well. The Canadian government also requires that passports need to be valid six months after the planned travel is scheduled to return. We will have hopefully 4 or 5 notaries available.

Important dates to remember:

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January 11	Northern Region Middle School Festival Auditions (proposed) Site: King Philip Middle School, WH, CT Times: 9:00 a.m.-12:00p.m. (Snow Date): Saturday, 2/1/2020
January 11	Red Cross Blood Drive at HBMS in small gym 8:00- am – 1:00 pm
January 13	8 TH GRADERS get visit in L-block from LSM Counselors about scheduling
January 13	Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – TLC

January 15	PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.
January 16	5th Grade Band & 6th Grade Band Concert - LSM Auditorium, 7:00 P.M.
January 17	Early Release/Teacher Professional Development
January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School
January 22	<u>Mandatory meeting w/students and parents for Canada trip LSM Auditorium 630 pm</u>
January 24	HBMS Movie Night
January 24	2 nd Quarter Ends
January 31	Report Cards Go Home

Contact Information – Have questions for us? Here are some quick contacts. Information for all teachers and staff is available on the Region 10 website: region10ct.org.

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